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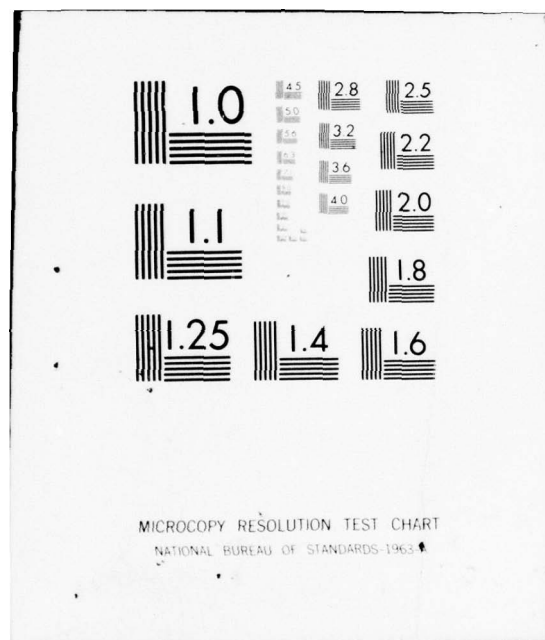
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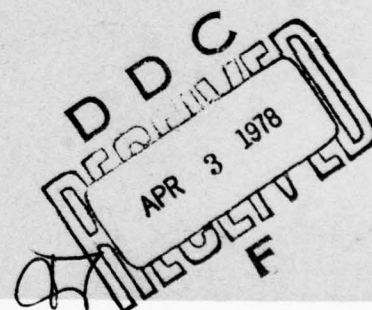
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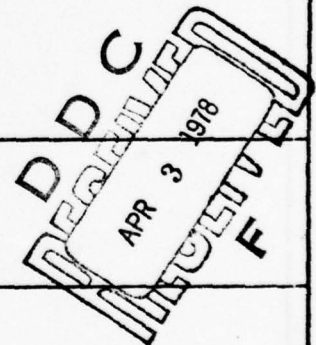
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of three-dimensional geometries. All of these results have been analytical in nature. This report extends this work by providing algorithmic techniques for evaluating bounds produced by all classes of three and four-dimensional geometries. In addition, a procedure for extending these algorithms to problems of dimensionality greater than four is outlined. Implementations of the three and four-dimensional algorithms are presented in appendices.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Problem Description

There are many important problems in the field of communications theory that have as their solution the expectation of a random variable. Perhaps the classic example of such a problem is that of computing the probability of bit error for a binary signal being transmitted on a channel with linear intersymbol interference [1] - [15]. A block diagram for this example is given in Figure 1.1.

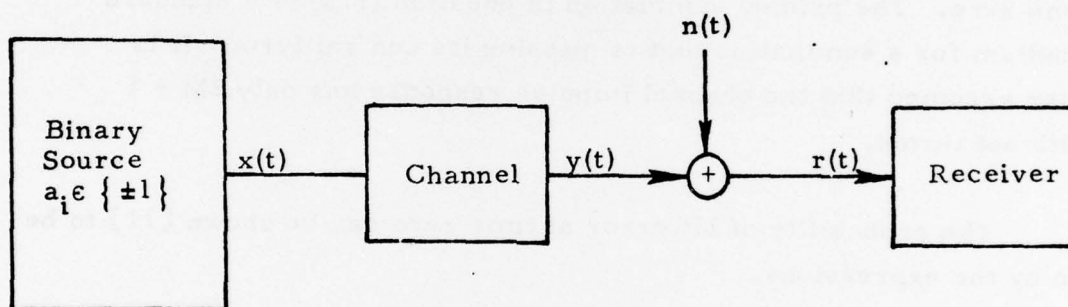


Figure 1.1

The binary source selects a value for  $a_i$  with equal probability each  $T$  seconds. These source symbols are encoded into waveforms suitable for transmission across the channel. The time function  $x(t)$  represents a string of these channel waveforms. The channel is assumed to act upon the waveform string  $x(t)$  as a linear filter. Thus, the waveform associated with a particular source symbol will typically be distorted in shape and spread in time by the action of the channel. Let the distorted waveform string at the channel output be represented by  $y(t)$ . This signal is assumed to be further distorted by the addition of a white Gaussian noise process, that is denoted by  $n(t)$ . The waveform string finally presented to the receiver is  $r(t)$  where

$$r(t) = y(t) + n(t). \quad (1.1)$$

This signal is detected and sampled. The sampled output at time zero can be represented by

$$r_o = a_o h_o + \sum_{i=-M}^M{}' a_i h_i + n_o \quad (1.2)$$

where  $r_i$  is the detected and sampled output at time  $i$ ,  $\dots a_{-M} \dots a_{-1} a_o a_1 \dots a_M \dots$  is the binary input signal string,  $\{h_i\}$  is the sampled impulse response of the channel, and  $n_o$  is the Gaussian noise sample at time zero. The primed summation in equation (1.2) is a standard symbolism for a summation that is missing its central term. It is further assumed that the channel impulse response has only  $2M + 1$  significant terms.

The probability of bit error at time zero can be shown [11] to be given by the expressions

$$P_e = E_U \left[ Q \left( \frac{h_o + u}{\sigma} \right) \right] \quad (1.3a)$$

$$= E_U \left[ \left( Q \left( \frac{h_o + |u|}{\sigma} \right) + Q \left( \frac{h_o - |u|}{\sigma} \right) \right) / 2 \right] \quad (1.3b)$$

where

$$Q(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_x^\infty \exp(-y^2/2) dy, \quad (1.4)$$

$$u = \sum_{i=-M}^M{}' a_i h_i, \quad (1.5)$$

$\sigma$  is the standard deviation of the Gaussian noise, and  $U$  represents the space of all strings of  $2M$  binary symbols. The expressions (1.3a) and (1.3b) are clearly equal mathematically, but it has been shown [11] that one form or the other can have analytical advantages when evaluating the probability.



Unfortunately, the expressions in equations (1.3a) and (1.3b) may be difficult or computationally impractical to solve exactly. For example, if the intersymbol interference extends for forty samples preceeding and trailing the actual signal sample time ( $M=40$ ), the exact evaluation of the probability of error would involve the summation of  $2^{80} \approx 10^{24}$  terms of the form of equation (1.4). Thus, even if equation (1.4) could be solved in 1 nanosecond of computer time, exact computation of  $P_e$  would require  $3 \times 10^5$  centuries. Although channels having an impulse response that is significant over 80 bit times may be rare, it is clear that the computation involved in calculating (1.3a) or (1.3b) can still be large even for fairly modest impulse responses.

Expressions similar to (1.3a) can be derived for the probability of bit error on any additive Gaussian noise channel with linear interference. Examples would include spread spectrum multiple access channels, and channels with co-channel interference [16] - [19]. Thus, the evaluation methods that will be discussed below are more generally applicable than to just intersymbol interference problems. They will apply to Gaussian channels with other kinds of linear interference as well.

## 1.2 Isomorphism Theorem

One possible approach to problems in communications and information theory that appear difficult or impossible to solve in their exact form is to find bounds to the exact solution that are easily computed. One technique that has been proven to be useful in providing bounds to problems of this kind is the Moment Bounding Technique [11] - [19]. This technique is based on an Isomorphism Theorem from Game Theory [20], [21]. In this approach, the moment of the function of the random variable that is of interest is bounded in terms of moments of other functions of the same random variable. These other functions are chosen such that their moments are relatively easy to evaluate. This approach has the unique advantage that both upper and lower bounds can be found with the same computational technique. In addition, the moment bounds that are derived using two or three dimensions yield a relatively simple geometrical understanding of the bounding process.



The Isomorphism Theorem can be stated as follows:

Isomorphism Theorem:

Let  $u$  be a random variable with probability distribution  $G_U(u)$  defined over a finite closed interval  $I = [a, b]$ . Let  $k_1(u), k_2(u), \dots, k_n(u)$  be  $n$  continuous functions defined on  $I$ . Let  $m_i, i = 1, \dots, n$ , denote the  $n$  generalized moments of the random variable  $u$  induced by the functions  $\{k_i(u)\}$ .

$$m_i = \int_I k_i(u) d G_U(u) = E_U[k_i(u)], \quad i = 1, \dots, n \quad (1.6)$$

Denote the moment space  $\mathcal{M}$  as

$$\mathcal{M} = \{ \underline{m} = (m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n) \in R^n \} \quad (1.7)$$

where  $G_U(u)$  ranges over the set of all probability distribution functions defined on  $I$ .  $\mathcal{M}$  is a closed, bounded, and convex set.

Let  $\mathcal{C}$  denote the generalized curve  $\underline{r} = (r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n)$  traced out in  $R^n$  by  $r_i = k_i(u)$  for  $u \in I$ . Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be the convex hull of  $\mathcal{C}$ . Then  $\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{H}$ .

The application of the Isomorphism Theorem to bounding problems can be seen from the following two dimensional ( $n = 2$ ) example. Given a function  $k_1(u)$  of the random variable  $u$  whose moment,  $E_U[k_1(u)]$ , is desired, select a second function,  $k_2(u)$ , whose moment is easily computable. By identifying the functions  $k_1(u)$  and  $k_2(u)$  with the two orthogonal axes of a two-dimensional coordinate system, as in Figure 1.2, a curve  $\mathcal{C}$  can be traced out as  $u$  varies through its finite range of values. The convex hull,  $\mathcal{H}$ , of the curve  $\mathcal{C}$  can now be found, as in Figure 1.3. Let  $m_2$  denote the value of the moment of the function  $k_2(u)$  as in (1.6). According to the Isomorphism Theorem, the set of all moment pairs

$$\mathcal{M} = \{ (m_1, m_2) \mid m_1 = E[k_1(u)], m_2 = E[k_2(u)] \} \quad (1.8)$$

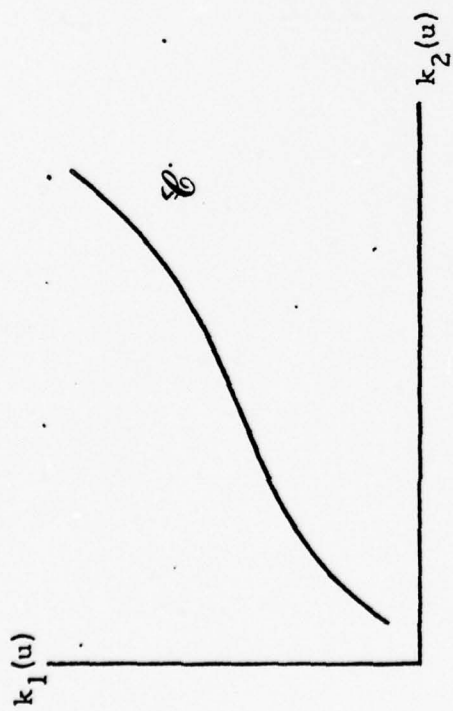


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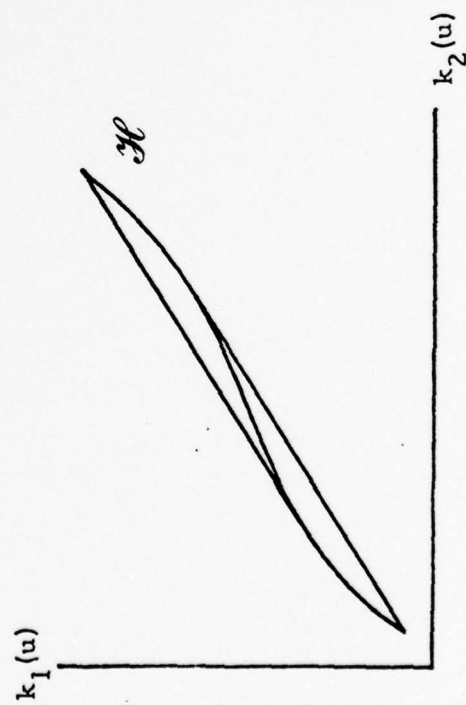


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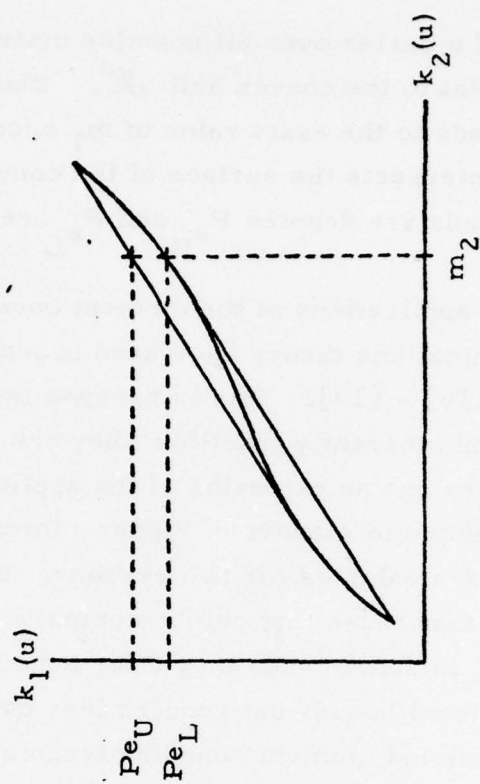


Figure 1.4

as the distribution of  $u$  varies over all possible distributions defined on the range of  $u$ , is identical to the convex hull  $\mathcal{H}$ . Thus, from Figure 1.4, upper and lower bounds to the exact value of  $m_1$  occur at the points where the line  $k_2(u) = m_2$  intersects the surface of the convex hull. In Figure 1.4, the values of the bounds are denoted  $P_{e_U}$  and  $P_{e_L}$  respectively.

Most of the applications of the moment bounding techniques to problems in communications theory have used two-dimensional moment bounds [8] - [13], [16] - [19]. This is because two dimensional bounds are quite intuitive and inherently tractible (they can always be found graphically). The following chapters are an extension of the applications of the moment space bounding technique to classes of higher-dimensional bounds. Higher dimensional bounds are valuable for two reasons. First, they usually offer tighter bounds than those that can be computed with two-dimensional techniques. Second, in some cases they offer bounds that are as tight as the best two-dimensional bounds but require less computational effort. Thus a higher-dimensional moment bounding technique offers tighter bounds, or less effort, or in some cases both tighter bounds and less effort than two-dimensional bounds.

## II. THREE-DIMENSIONAL MOMENT BOUNDING ALGORITHM

### 2.1 Introduction

Most of the research effort that has been expended on applications of the moment bounding technique [11] - [19] has been expended deriving exact analytic expressions for the upper and lower bounds. The forms of the expressions for the bounds are typically conditional on the parameters of the curve  $\mathcal{C}$ , and on the values of the auxiliary moments. For example, consider the two-dimensional intersymbol interference moment bound results reported by Yao and Tobin [11]. In particular, consider the case of the exponential auxiliary bounding function. The equations for the curve  $\mathcal{C}$  for this example are

$$x = k_1(u) = e^{c(h_o + u)}, \quad (2.1)$$

and

$$y = k_2(u) = \operatorname{erfc} \left( \frac{h_o + u}{\sigma} \right). \quad (2.2)$$

In these equations,  $c$  is an arbitrary constant,  $\operatorname{erfc}(\cdot)$  is the standard complementary error function,  $u$  is the amount of intersymbol interference,  $h_o$  is the amplitude of the desired signal, and  $\sigma$  is the standard deviation of the additive white Gaussian noise. As is demonstrated in [11], for given values of  $h_o$  and  $\sigma$  and given limits on the range of  $u$ , the curve  $\mathcal{C}$  will vary from being convex  $\cap$ , to "S-shaped", to convex  $\cup$ , depending on the value of the parameter  $c$  in (2.1). Clearly the form of the analytic expressions for the boundary of the convex hull generated by this curve is a function of the parameter  $c$ . In addition, when the curve  $\mathcal{C}$  is "S-shaped", the form of the bounding expressions will depend on the location of the bounds on the surface of the convex hull. This is to say, they will depend on the value of the auxiliary moment  $m_1 = E_U[k_1(u)]$  of equation (2.1). These facts are illustrated in Figure 2.1.



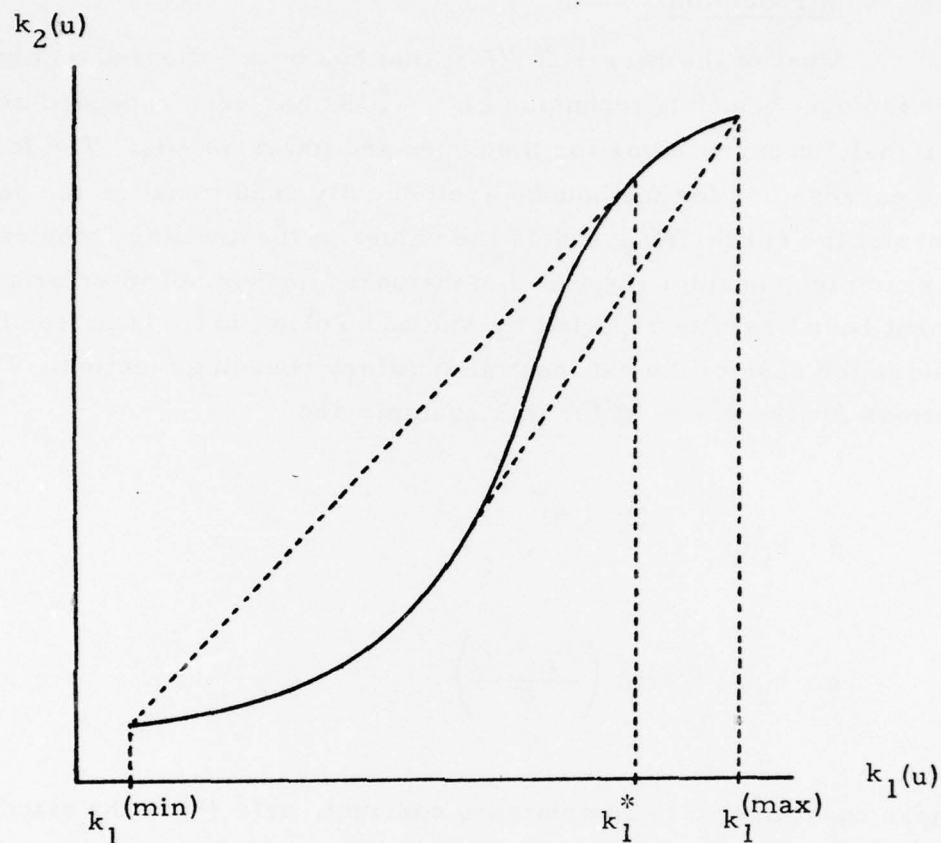


Figure 2.1

It is seen in Figure 2.1 that the form of the upper bound will be linear in the region  $(k_1^{(\min)}, k_1^*)$  of the abscissa, but will take on the form of the curve  $\mathcal{C}$  in the region  $(k_1^*, k_1^{(\max)})$ . Thus, the equations for the bounds derived using the moment bounding technique are not typically of a single form, but are composites, strongly dependent on the parameters of the bound.



From the standpoint of a casual user of the bounding technique, the composite nature of the bounding equations is inconvenient. It would be more convenient if some sort of unified computational approach were found. Such an approach would eliminate the need to make detailed preliminary investigations into the local geometry of the curve  $\mathcal{C}$  and its convex hull  $\mathcal{H}$ . The bounding technique could then be used more easily on a broad spectrum of bounding problems.

An algorithmic approach is such a unified approach. In such an approach, the curve  $\mathcal{C}$  is represented in a computer as an array of points. This array is a set of samples taken in some systematic manner along the length of  $\mathcal{C}$ . The algorithm would then construct the convex hull of this set of samples. The values of the bounds could then be computed by operating on this modified hull.

The algorithmic approach derives its unifying properties from the fact that it deals with an array of sample points taken from the curve, rather than dealing with the smooth curve itself. This is equivalent to replacing the curve  $\mathcal{C}$  with a piecewise linear approximation to  $\mathcal{C}$ . In three-dimensions the convex hull generated by this approximation will always be a polyhedron. The hull generated by the original curve could have been any three-dimensional convex figure. Evaluating the bounds then reduces to finding the appropriate planar faces of the polyhedron, and then computing the coordinates values of the appropriate points on these faces. This general procedure is independent of both the shape of the curve  $\mathcal{C}$  and of the local properties of the original convex hull  $\mathcal{H}$ , generated by  $\mathcal{C}$ .

In the following sections an algorithm is presented that will compute the upper and lower moment bounds for the three-dimensional moment bounding problem. It will be shown that the algorithm is reasonably modest in its use of central processor (cpu) time for a representative example. Both a general description of the procedure and a listing of an actual implementation will be presented. The technique is based on the work of Appel and Will [26].

It is noted that this procedure computes an approximation to the moment bounds. There are two responses to this observation. First, since the curve  $\mathcal{C}$  is assumed to be smooth and of finite length, the sample points in the array can be chosen to be sufficiently dense to assure that the results will approximate the true value of the bounds to any required accuracy. Secondly, the algorithmic solutions can be adjusted to lie outside the original bounds. A method of computing the adjustments will be presented below. Thus, the adjusted approximations will always be valid bounds. With the adjustments they will not be as tight as the exactly computed moment bounds, but the adjustments can be made arbitrarily small by making the sample points sufficiently dense.

The arguments concerning the adjustments to the algorithmic solutions are as follows. By the definition of the convex hull of a curve, the hull generated by any piecewise linear approximation to the curve

$\mathcal{C}$  will be interior to the hull generated by  $\mathcal{C}$  itself. Thus, as the number of sample points of  $\mathcal{C}$  increases, the hull of the approximation will approach the original hull,  $\mathcal{H}$  from the inside.

Denote the piecewise linear approximation to the curve  $\mathcal{C}$  by  $\hat{\mathcal{C}}$ . Let  $\delta(p)$  be the minimum Euclidean distance from point  $p$  on the curve  $\mathcal{C}$  to  $\hat{\mathcal{C}}$ . Let  $\delta$  be the largest such distance for any  $p$  on  $\mathcal{C}$ . Denote the convex hull generated by  $\hat{\mathcal{C}}$  as  $\hat{\mathcal{H}}$ . Consider the polyhedron that is similar to  $\hat{\mathcal{H}}$  but at a minimum Euclidean distance of  $\delta$  to the outside of  $\hat{\mathcal{H}}$ . That is, the polyhedron that has planar faces parallel to the planar faces of  $\hat{\mathcal{H}}$ . Clearly, the original curve  $\mathcal{C}$  must be interior to this new polyhedron. Similarly, the original convex hull  $\mathcal{H}$  must be interior to this new figure. Therefore, if the upper bound computed by the algorithm is increased by an amount  $\delta$ , and the lower bound decreased by  $\delta$ , the resulting numbers are guaranteed to be true bounds to the desired moment.

## 2.2 Preliminary Definitions

Let  $A$  denote a three-dimensional array containing a finite number of elements. These elements may be thought of as being the coordinate values of sample points of a smooth twisted curve  $\mathcal{C}$  in  $E^3$ . Let  $\hat{\mathcal{H}}$  denote the three-dimensional convex hull generated by  $A$ . Let  $F$  denote a plane and  $\mathcal{P}_F$  denote the usual orthogonal projection operation from  $E^3$  onto  $F$ . Then there is an array  $A_F$  on the plane  $F$  such that

$$A_F = \mathcal{P}_F A. \quad (2.3)$$

The array  $A_F$  is the projection of the array  $A$  onto the plane  $F$ .

Let the convex hull of the set  $A_F$  be denoted by  $\hat{\mathcal{H}}_F$ . A basic property [22] of convex bodies can be stated as

$$\hat{\mathcal{H}}_F = \mathcal{P}_F \hat{\mathcal{H}} \quad (2.4)$$

This is to say, the convex hull of a projection ( $A_F$  is the projection of  $A$ ) is equal to the projection of the convex hull. This property is fundamental to several different algorithms (e. g., [26], [27]) that compute three-dimensional convex hulls. It will also be basic to the algorithm developed below.

The property that is expressed as equation (2.4) will be used to reduce the problem of determining the structure of a three-dimensional convex hull into a sequence of two-dimensional convex hull problems. There are satisfactory computational methods known for finding the convex hulls of two-dimensional arrays [26] - [29]. A modified version of one of these methods [26] will be used in the development of the algorithm that follows.

The convex hull of a finite element two-dimensional array  $A_F$  will be a convex polygon,  $\mathcal{H}_F$ . The sides of this polygon will be chords connecting members of the set  $A_F$ . These chords are shown by equation (2.4) to be the F-plane projections of chords joining points of the array A that are on the surface of  $\mathcal{H}$  in  $E^3$ . Thus, if there are a finite number of elements in the array A, there must be a finite length sequence of projection planes  $\{F_n\}$  that will allow the identification of the entire network of chords that lie on the surface of  $\mathcal{H}$ . This network can be seen to define the planar faces of the polyhedral convex hull  $\mathcal{H}$ . Therefore, the network effectively defines the entire surface of  $\mathcal{H}$ .

One method of constructing a sequence of projection planes  $\{F_n\}$  involves the "collapsing" of surface chords of  $\mathcal{H}$ . This method is developed in [26], and is the method that is used in the algorithm presented here. In this method, an arbitrary first projection plane  $F_1$  is selected and the corresponding projected hull  $\mathcal{H}_{F_1}$  is determined. A boundary chord of  $\mathcal{H}_{F_1}$  is selected in some systematic manner. Denote the selected chord by  $Ch_{F_1}$ . The chord  $Ch_{F_1}$  is the  $F_1$ -plane projection of a chord (to be denoted  $Ch_1$ ) that is on the surface of  $\mathcal{H}$  in  $E^3$ . The next projection plane in the sequence,  $F_2$ , is chosen to be orthogonal to the chord  $Ch_1$ . Thus, the chord  $Ch_1$  projects as a single point on  $F_2$ . In the  $F_2$  projection, the chord  $Ch_1$  is said to be "collapsed." This procedure can be implemented as a rotation of the points in the set A about a suitable axis, denoted  $\ell_R$ . For a given set of coordinate axis and a given projection plane F, the points in A are rotated such that the chord  $Ch_1$  projects as a point on the projection plane F. The algorithm that is presented below uses this procedure.

The present algorithm is an adaptation of an algorithm developed by Appel and Will [26]. Appel and Will's algorithm finds the convex hull of a three-dimensional array of points by the method of "collapsed"



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chords, as was discussed above. The present algorithm differs from that of [26] mainly in that the bounding problem requires knowledge of only two regions on the surface of  $\mathcal{H}$ , while the algorithm given in [26] provides a description of the entire surface. The present algorithm attempts to converge quickly to the regions on the surface of  $\mathcal{H}$  of interest, at the expense of the knowledge of the over-all shape of the hull. This is appropriate because the additional information would not be relevant to the bounding problem at hand.



### 2.3 Problem Statement

Consider the twisted curve  $\mathcal{C}$  defined in terms of the parameter  $u$  by the equation set

$$\begin{aligned} x &= h(u) \\ y &= g(u) \\ z &= f(u) \end{aligned} \quad u \in I = [a, b] \quad (2.5)$$

where  $I$  is the finite interval of definition of  $\mathcal{C}$ . The functions  $h(u)$ ,  $g(u)$ , and  $f(u)$  are assumed to be continuous and finite valued on  $I$ . The elements of the triple  $(x, y, z)$  can be associated with the coordinate axes of a standard right handed coordinate system. The curve  $\mathcal{C}$  is traced out in  $E^3$  as  $u$  covers its interval of definition  $I$ .

Consider the line in  $E^3$  defined by the equation set

$$\begin{aligned} x &= m_1 = E_U[h(u)] \\ y &= m_2 = E_U[g(u)] \\ z &= z \end{aligned} \quad (2.6)$$

where the notation  $E_U[\cdot]$  represents the expectation with respect to the random variable  $u$ . Let the line of equation set (2.6) be denoted by  $\ell$ . A consequence of the isomorphism theorem [11] is that  $\ell$  passes through the convex hull  $\mathcal{H}$  generated by the curve  $\mathcal{C}$ . A further consequence is that the quantity

$$m_3 = E_U[f(u)] \quad (2.7)$$

is upper and lower bounded by the points on the surface of  $\mathcal{H}$  where  $\mathcal{H}$  is penetrated by the line  $\ell$ . This amounts to an informal statement of the moment bounding theorem.

The purposes of the moment bounding technique are served by the evaluation of the surface of the hull at the two locations where the surface is penetrated by the line  $\ell$ . Thus, when the hull  $\mathcal{H}$  is approximated by the polyhedron  $\hat{\mathcal{H}}$ , the modified bounding problem requires only the identification of the two planar faces where the line  $\ell$  penetrates the polyhedron  $\hat{\mathcal{H}}$ . The algorithm to be described identifies these faces as the result of a directed search routine. This routine uses a sequence of planar projections generated by "collapsing" a sequence of surface chords.

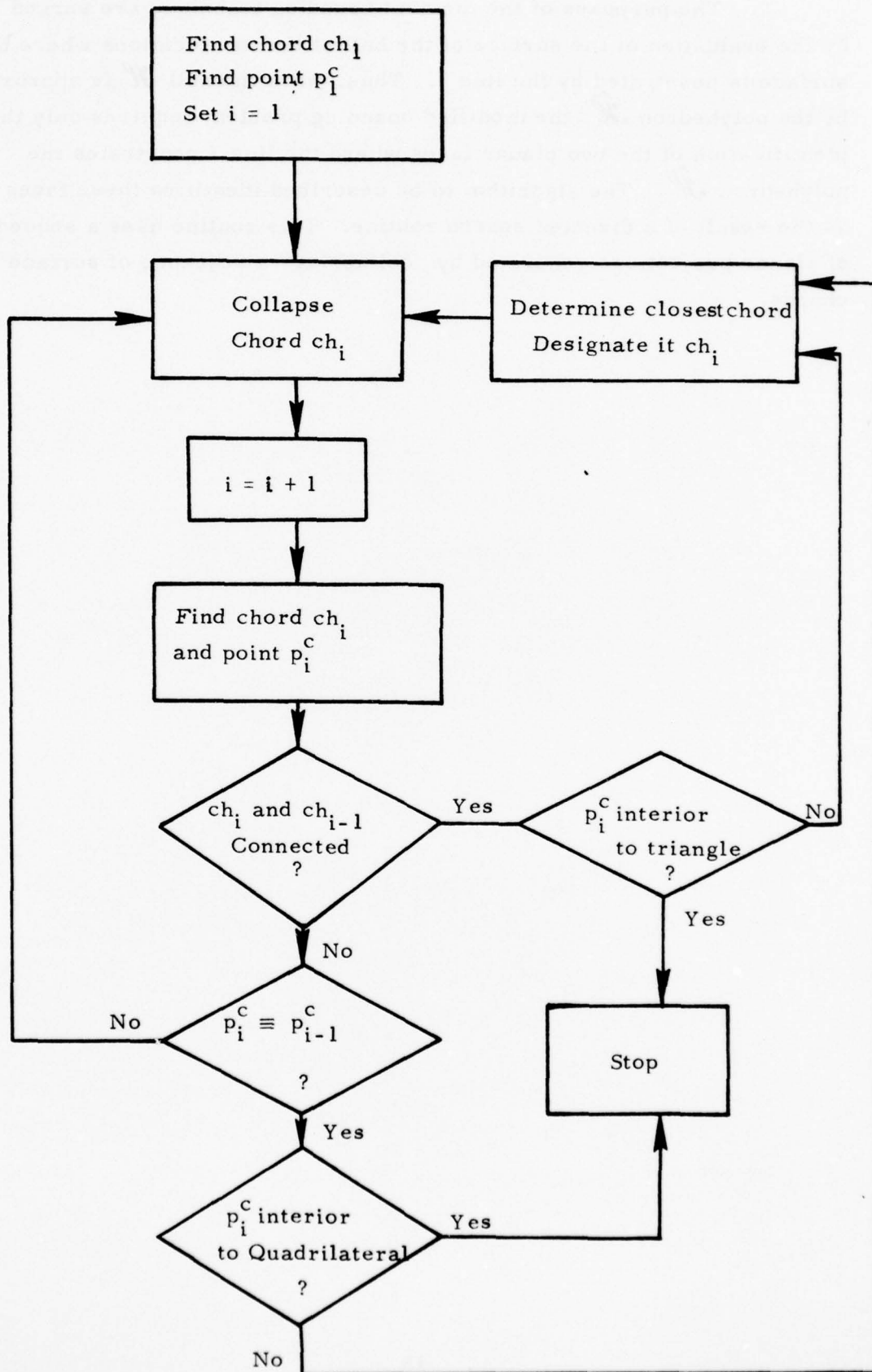


Figure 2.2

## 2.4 The Algorithm

This is an outline of an algorithm that computes the lower bound given by the moment bounding technique. The modifications to the algorithm that are required to compute the upper bound should be clear from the discussion. The algorithm is shown in block diagram form in Figure 2.2.

### Step 1: Initialization

Given the set  $A = \left\{ (x, y, z) \mid x = h(u_i), y = g(u_i), z = f(u_i); u_i \in I = [a, b], a, b < \infty, i = 1, \dots, N < \infty \right\}$  and the line  $\ell$ , given by equation set (2.6), consider the x-y plane to be the first projection plane  $F_1$ . Let  $\ell_{F_1}$  denote the  $F_1$  plane projection of the line  $\ell$ . Consider the projected set  $A_{F_1}$ , the  $F_1$  plane projection of the set  $A$ . A sketch of a possible set  $A_{F_1}$  and line  $\ell_{F_1}$  are presented as Figure 2.3 as an aid in visualizing the situation.

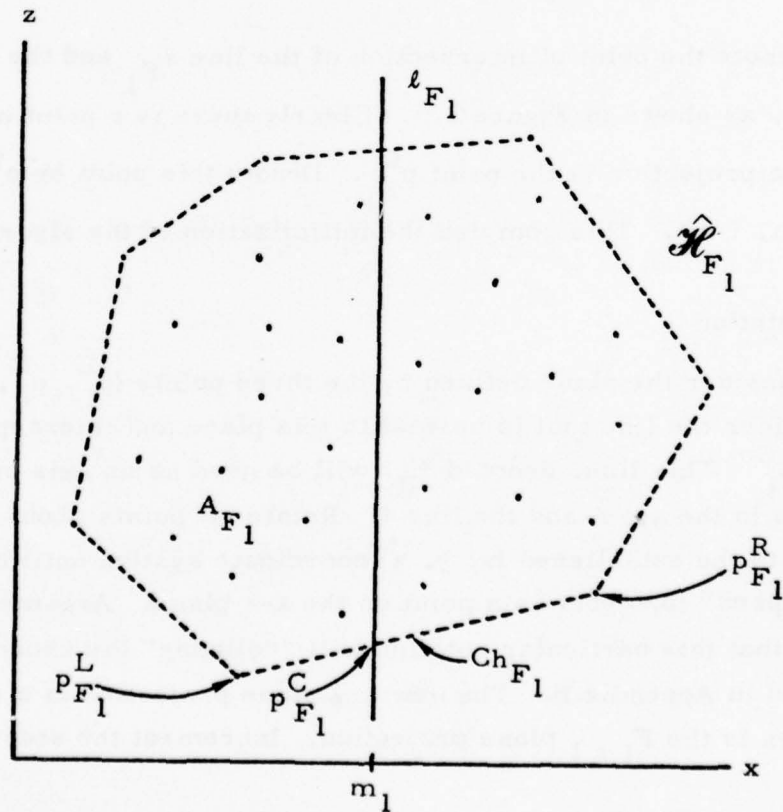


Figure 2.3

Let  $\hat{\mathcal{H}}_{F_1}$  denote the convex hull of the planar set  $A_{F_1}$ . In Figure 2.3 the boundary of  $\hat{\mathcal{H}}_{F_1}$  has been dashed in and designated. It can be seen that the line  $\ell_{F_1}$  cuts the boundary of  $\hat{\mathcal{H}}_{F_1}$  in exactly two places. Let  $Ch_{F_1}$  denote the chord that forms the boundary of  $\hat{\mathcal{H}}_{F_1}$  at the lower of these two cuts. The chord  $Ch_{F_1}$  is designated in Figure 2.3. A subroutine for finding the chord  $Ch_{F_1}$  is described in detail in Appendix A.

Denote the left end point of  $Ch_{F_1}$  by  $p_{F_1}^L$ . Denote the right end point by  $p_{F_1}^R$ . The designations are shown in Figure 2.3. By the construction of  $A_{F_1}$ ,  $p_{F_1}^L$  and  $p_{F_1}^R$  are projections of points in the set  $A$ . Denote these points  $p_1^L$  and  $p_1^R$  respectively. Let  $Ch_1$  denote the chord connecting  $p_1^L$  and  $p_1^R$  in  $E^3$ . By the arguments of the previous section, since  $Ch_{F_1}$  is a chord on the surface of  $\hat{\mathcal{H}}_{F_1}$ ,  $Ch_1$  is a chord on the surface of  $\hat{\mathcal{H}}$ , the convex hull of the set  $A$ .

Denote the point of intersection of the line  $\ell_{F_1}$  and the chord  $Ch_{F_1}$  by  $p_{F_1}^C$ , as shown in Figure 2.3. Clearly there is a point on the line  $\ell$  in  $E^3$  whose projection is the point  $p_{F_1}^C$ . Denote this point by  $p_1^C$ . Initialize the step index,  $i = 1$ . This completes the initialization of the algorithm.

## Step 2: Rotation

Consider the plane defined by the three points  $(p_i^L, p_i^C, p_i^R)$  in  $E^3$ . Consider the line that is normal to this plane and intercepts the plane at the point  $p_i^C$ . This line, denoted  $\ell_R$ , will be used as an axis of rotation for the points in the set  $A$  and the line  $\ell$ . Rotate all points about  $\ell_R$  with respect to the established  $(x, y, z)$  coordinate system until the chord  $Ch_i$  is "collapsed" (projects as a point on the  $x$ - $z$  plane). Arguments establishing that this particular rotation will "collapse" the chord  $Ch_i$  are presented in Appendix B. The new  $x$ - $z$  plane projection is a consequence of the rotation is the  $F_{i+1}$  plane projection. Increment the step index  $i$ .



Step 3: Branching

Find the next chord  $Ch_i$  by the methods of step 1. Find the next point  $p_i^C$ .

- A) If the chords  $Ch_i$  and  $Ch_{i-1}$  are connected (have an end point in common), go to step 4.
- B) If chords  $Ch_i$  and  $Ch_{i-1}$  are not connected, and  $p_i^C \neq p_{i-1}^C$ , go to step 5.
- C) Otherwise, go to step 6.

Step 4: Triangular Section

The two connected chords,  $Ch_i$  and  $Ch_{i-1}$ , define a triangular planar section on the surface of  $\hat{\mathcal{H}}$ . If a point of the line  $\ell$  is also a point of this triangular section, this point is the bounding point that is desired. This is the point denoted  $p_i^C$ . Terminate the procedure.

If the line  $\ell$  and the triangular section have no points in common, determine which of the three chords that bound this triangular planar section is closest to the point  $p_i^C$  in Euclidean distance. Change the labeling such that this closest chord is designated as the chord  $Ch_i$ , and its end points are designated  $p_i^L$  and  $p_i^R$ . Return to step 2. The procedures presented in this step are detailed and justified in Appendix C.

Step 5: Continue

Return to step 2 with the chord  $Ch_i$  and the point  $p_i^C$  that were found in Step 3.

Step 6:    Quadrilateral

Since  $p_i^C = p_{i-1}^C$ , both triples  $(p_i^L, p_i^C, p_i^R)$  and  $(p_{i-1}^L, p_{i-1}^C, p_{i-1}^R)$  define the same plane. In this case, chords  $Ch_i$  and  $Ch_{i-1}$  are segments of the boundary of a section of this plane that is on the surface of  $\hat{\mathcal{H}}$ . Since  $Ch_i$  and  $Ch_{i-1}$  are co-planar but disconnected, a quadrilateral may be formed by joining appropriate pairs of end points of these chords. If the line  $\ell$  and this quadrilateral planar section have a point in common, this point is the bounding point that is desired. This point is the point that has been denoted  $p_i^C$ . Terminate the search procedure. If the quadrilateral planar section and the line  $\ell$  have no points in common, determine which of the four chords that form the boundary of the quadrilateral is closest in Euclidean distance to the point  $p_i^C$ . Change the labeling such that this closest chord is designated as the chord  $Ch_i$ , and its end points are designated  $p_i^L$  and  $p_i^R$ . Return to step 2. The statements are procedures presented in this step are detailed and justified in Appendix D.

## 2.5 Examples of Numerical Results

The algorithm outlined in Section 2.4 has been coded for general purpose computers using the FORTRAN IV programming language. A print out of the program is provided as Appendix F. Two sample runs were made using this program. The results of the first will be presented in detail in this section. The second will be presented in conjunction with the results of the four-dimensional algorithm described in the next chapter.

The examples are intersymbol interference problems. The auxiliary functions used for the bounds are the second and fourth powers of the amplitude of the interference. The parametric equations for the curve  $\mathcal{C}$  in  $E^3$  are then

$$x = u^2 \quad (2.8)$$

$$y = u^4 \quad (2.9)$$

$$z = \frac{1}{2} \left[ Q\left(\frac{h_o + u}{\sigma}\right) + Q\left(\frac{h_o - u}{\sigma}\right) \right] \quad (2.10)$$

where  $u$  is the amplitude of the intersymbol interference,  $h_o$  is the amplitude of the desired signal,  $\sigma$  is the standard deviation of the additive white Gaussian noise, and  $Q(\cdot)$  is the usual complementary error function given by

$$Q(y) = \int_y^\infty \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-x^2/2} dx. \quad (2.11)$$

This is the three-dimensional extension of an intersymbol interference problem treated by Yao and Tobin [11] and Yan [12]. The range of the parameter  $u$  is

$$0 \leq u \leq D \leq h_o \quad (2.12)$$

where  $D$  is the amplitude of the maximum interference possible. The relation (2.12) implies that the intersymbol interference "eye" is open. This means that if the channel were noise free, perfect communication would be possible inspite of the intersymbol interference. This is true because the amplitude of the desired signal,  $h_0$ , is strictly greater than the maximum interference  $D$ . This is a characteristic of a useful communication channel.

The first specific example is that of a channel with Chebychev filter frequency characteristics. This is a channel that is commonly used in comparing bounding methods in intersymbol interference channels. The characteristics of this channel are given in detail in [11] and [12]. The algorithmic results that are presented as Table 2.1 were obtained by approximating the curve  $\mathcal{C}$  with an array  $A$  made up of 50 points that were equally spaced in terms of the parameter  $u$ . The exact results presented in Table 2.1 were computed using the regularity condition results presented in [34]. It was shown in [34] that the regularity condition held for the values of signal-to-noise ratio that are shown in Table 2.1 for the Chebychev channel.

It can be seen from the Table that the algorithmic values are very close to the exact values of the bounds for low and intermediate values of signal-to-noise ratio. It is noted that the algorithmic values are not typically interior to the exact bounds as was theoretically predicted. This can be attributed to cumulative round-off and truncation errors in the particular implementation of the algorithm that was used in these computations. The specific implementation that was used in obtaining the results of Table 2.1, was written to prove the validity of the concepts of the procedure. It was not optimized in terms of either cumulative computational errors or run time. In spite of this, most of the results are seen to be accurate to four significant figures. Furthermore, the typical computation required only three iterations of the algorithm to obtain convergence, and required less than 0.022 sec of central processor (CPU)



SNR dB	Exact Lower Bound [34]	Algorithmic Lower Bound	Exact Upper Bound [34]	Algorithmic Upper Bound
0	$1.5931 \times 10^{-1}$	$1.5931 \times 10^{-1}$	$1.5931 \times 10^{-1}$	$1.5931 \times 10^{-1}$
4	$5.7725 \times 10^{-2}$	$5.7725 \times 10^{-2}$	$5.7725 \times 10^{-2}$	$5.7725 \times 10^{-2}$
8	$6.7573 \times 10^{-3}$	$6.7574 \times 10^{-3}$	$6.7578 \times 10^{-3}$	$6.7578 \times 10^{-3}$
12	$6.5950 \times 10^{-5}$	$6.5954 \times 10^{-5}$	$6.7293 \times 10^{-5}$	$6.7294 \times 10^{-5}$
16	$3.0333 \times 10^{-9}$	$2.9472 \times 10^{-9}$	$1.6576 \times 10^{-8}$	$1.5539 \times 10^{-8}$
20	$3.3374 \times 10^{-19}$	$1.7364 \times 10^{-19}$	$3.6323 \times 10^{-15}$	$2.0413 \times 10^{-14}$

TABLE 2.1

time on a CDC 7600 computer. With greater attention to program optimization, in terms of run-time and computational accuracy, these statistics may be improved. However, it is clear from this example that this algorithm yields reasonably accurate results with a modest investment in computation time.

The second example is a modified version of the Chebychev channel that was examined in the first example. In the present case, the value of the maximum distortion, denoted by  $D$  in expression (2.12), is increased to three times that of the regular Chebychev channel. The channel impulse response, and other appropriate parameters are scaled accordingly. As was the case in the previous example, the second and fourth powers of the parameter  $u$  were used as the auxiliary functions.

This second case is an example of a channel with severe intersymbol interference. The maximum interference  $D$  is 85% of the amplitude of the desired signal,  $h_0$ . Unfortunately, the regularity condition results presented in [34] cannot be used to compute exact bounds to this problem for all signal-to-noise ratios of interest. Therefore, a table similar to Table 2.1 cannot be presented. The results of this example are presented in Table 3.2 in Chapter III as a part of a comparison between this three-dimensional and a four-dimensional algorithm.

From the stand point of computational complexity, it is interesting to consider the effect on run time of varying the number of points contained in the array  $A$ . It can be seen from inspection of the algorithm outline (Section 2.4) and the printout of the actual program (Appendix F) that the algorithmic steps most effected by the size of the array  $A$  are the "collapsing" or rotation procedures and the procedures that find the chords  $Ch_F$ . Clearly, the complexity of the rotation procedure is linear in the number of points in  $A$ . If  $s$  seconds are required to rotate

a single point, roughly  $ns$  seconds will be required to rotate  $n$  points. The change in complexity of the chord finding routine is less clear. The routine will typically converge to the desired chord in a small number of iterations. This number will usually be essentially independent of the number of points in  $A$ . In this case, the chord finding routine would also be linearly complex in the number of points in  $A$ . However, in very poorly conditioned situations, the routine may be able to eliminate only a single point from further consideration per iteration. In this extreme case,

$$\sum_{i=2}^N i = \frac{N(N+1)}{2} - 1 = \frac{1}{2}(N^2 + N - 2) \quad (2.13)$$

iterations of the routine would be required to select the appropriate two points out of the  $N$  points in the array. Thus, in practice the chord finding routine may be expected to behave linearly with the number of points in the array  $A$ . In the worst possible case it would behave quadratically with the number of points. Therefore, the increase in algorithmic complexity with an increase in the number of points in the array  $A$  is manageable. A linear increase is slow enough to assure that the number of points in  $A$  can be made large enough to yield sufficiently accurate results without causing an unreasonable increase in algorithm run time.

### III. FOUR AND HIGHER DIMENSIONAL MOMENT BOUNDING ALGORITHMS

#### 3.1 Introduction

In Chapter II an algorithmic solution to the three-dimensional moment bounding problem was demonstrated to be feasible and useful. The next obvious question would be whether an algorithmic approach could be used to compute higher dimensional bounds. Higher dimensional bounding is desirable because it promises tighter bounds than otherwise achievable. However, the evaluation of higher dimensional bounds by geometric arguments based on the Isomorphism Theorem appears to be extremely difficult. Furthermore, the evaluation of bounds of this type does not seem to have been considered. Some non-geometric approaches have been considered ([14], [15]). Thus, an algorithmic approach, such as was developed for the three-dimensional case in Chapter II, may prove to be a useful tool in computing tight bounds for general classes of auxiliary functions based on higher dimensional moment bounding theory. In this chapter, an algorithm is developed that will solve the four-dimensional moment bounding problem for a very general class of auxiliary functions. The algorithm has not been optimized in any computational sense, but has the advantage of relative conceptual simplicity. Furthermore, it will be shown to be easily extendable to problems of higher dimensionality than four.

#### 3.2 Preliminary Discussion

The convex hull  $\hat{\mathcal{H}}$ , of an array  $A$ , containing a finite number of points in  $E^n$  is an  $n$ -dimensional polyhedron. That is,  $\hat{\mathcal{H}}$  is a convex figure whose major surface features are sections of  $(n-1)$ -dimensional hyperplanes. In the four-dimensional case, these three-dimensional sections are defined by sets of four points of  $A$ . The solution to the moment bounding problem amounts to finding the two four-point sets that define the surface of the convex hull at the places where it is penetrated by the line  $\ell$ . Except for the number of points involved in the surface definition (four instead of three), this statement of the problem is identical to that of the three-dimensional problem that was treated in Chapter II.



Unfortunately, the four-dimensional problem does not appear to yield to the same sort of intuitive solution that was used in the three-dimensional case. In particular, the notion of an orthogonal projection onto a plane ( $E^2$ ) is not well defined in  $E^4$ . Therefore, chord "collapsing" in a plane is meaningless in the sense that it was used in Chapter II.

The algorithm that will be presented below makes use of two general properties of n-dimensional convex figures [22], [31] - [33]. The first of these properties is that the intersection of a convex hull and a closed half space is also a convex hull. The second property is that if a point in  $E^n$  is exterior to a convex hull in  $E^n$ , there is a (not necessarily unique) support or tangential hyperplane to the hull that separates the point and the hull into different half spaces. These two properties are used in the algorithm to separate the points in the set A into two subsets. This separation allows the algorithm to be assured of proceeding in the direction of the desired surface feature. The exact implementation of this search procedure will be detailed in the presentation of the algorithm.

### 3.3 The Algorithm

This section is an outline of an algorithm that solves for the lower bound for the four-dimensional moment bounding problem. The extensions of this algorithm to include the upper bound or higher dimensional problems will be apparent.

#### Step 1: Initialization

Given the set  $A$  and the line  $\ell$ , consider the three-dimensional subspace of  $E^4$  defined by the  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  coordinate axes. Consider the projection of the four-dimensional convex hull  $\hat{\mathcal{H}}$  onto this subspace. Denote this projection by  $\hat{\mathcal{H}}_3$ . Find a triangular planar section on the surface of  $\hat{\mathcal{H}}_3$ . This could be done using the methods of Chapter II. Denote the three points that define this planar surface feature of  $\hat{\mathcal{H}}_3$  by  $p_1$ ,  $p_2$ , and  $p_3$ . Continue to Step 2.

#### Step 2: Separation

Construct a hyperplane, to be denoted  $hp_d$ , that contains the points  $p_1$ ,  $p_2$ , and  $p_3$ , and is parallel to the line  $\ell$ . This hyperplane separates the space  $E^4$  into two half spaces. It also separates the set  $A$  into two subsets, denoted  $A_\ell$  and  $A_o$ . The subset  $A_\ell$  is the subset of  $A$  that contains all the points of  $A$  that are in the same half space as the line  $\ell$ . The subset  $A_o$  contains the remaining points of  $A$ .

#### Step 3: Hyperplane

Find a fourth point,  $p_4$  such that  $p_4 \in A_\ell$  and the hyperplane defined by  $(p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4)$ , to be denoted  $hp_s$ , is a tangent hyperplane to the surface of  $\hat{\mathcal{H}}$ , the convex hull of the set  $A$ . Clearly a section of  $hp_s$  will be a surface feature of  $\hat{\mathcal{H}}$ .

Step 4: Branching

Determine whether the line  $\ell$  penetrates  $\hat{\mathcal{H}}$  in the interior of the surface section defined by the points  $(p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4)$ . If so, this point of penetration is the desired boundary point. Terminate the procedure. If not, continue to Step 5.

Step 5: Reset

Discard the point in the set  $\{p_1, p_2, p_3\}$  that is "furthest" from the line  $\ell$ . Relabel the two survivors plus the point  $p_4$  as the new points  $p_1, p_2$ , and  $p_3$ . Return to Step 2. The form of the distance measure will be described in the discussion below.

The algorithm is presented in block diagram form in Figure 3.1. A more complete description of the steps in the algorithm is given below.

As the title implies, the purpose of the first step in the algorithm is to determine an initial position for the search routine. The search routine operates by finding a sequence of sets of four points of the array  $A$ . Each set in this sequence  $\{p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4\}$ , defines a hyperplane. Because of the method of selection of the sets, these hyperplanes will include a section of the surface of the convex hull  $\hat{\mathcal{H}}$  of the array  $A$ . Having found an initial surface section, the routine operates by moving from this surface section to an adjacent section. Travel across the surface of  $\hat{\mathcal{H}}$  is always toward the line  $\ell$ . The routine continues until a surface section that is penetrated by the line  $\ell$  is found. This point of penetration, the point of intersection of the line  $\ell$  and the hyperplane  $(p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4)$ , is the desired bounding point.

In Chapter II an argument used in the development of the three-dimensional algorithm was that the convex hull of a projection of a set of points is equivalent to the projection of the convex hull of the set (equation (2.4)). The three-dimensional set of points,  $A_3$  formed by considering only the  $x, y$ , and  $z$  coordinate values of the four-dimensional set  $A = \{(x, y, z, w)\}$ , is a three-dimensional projection of  $A$ . Therefore, a surface section of

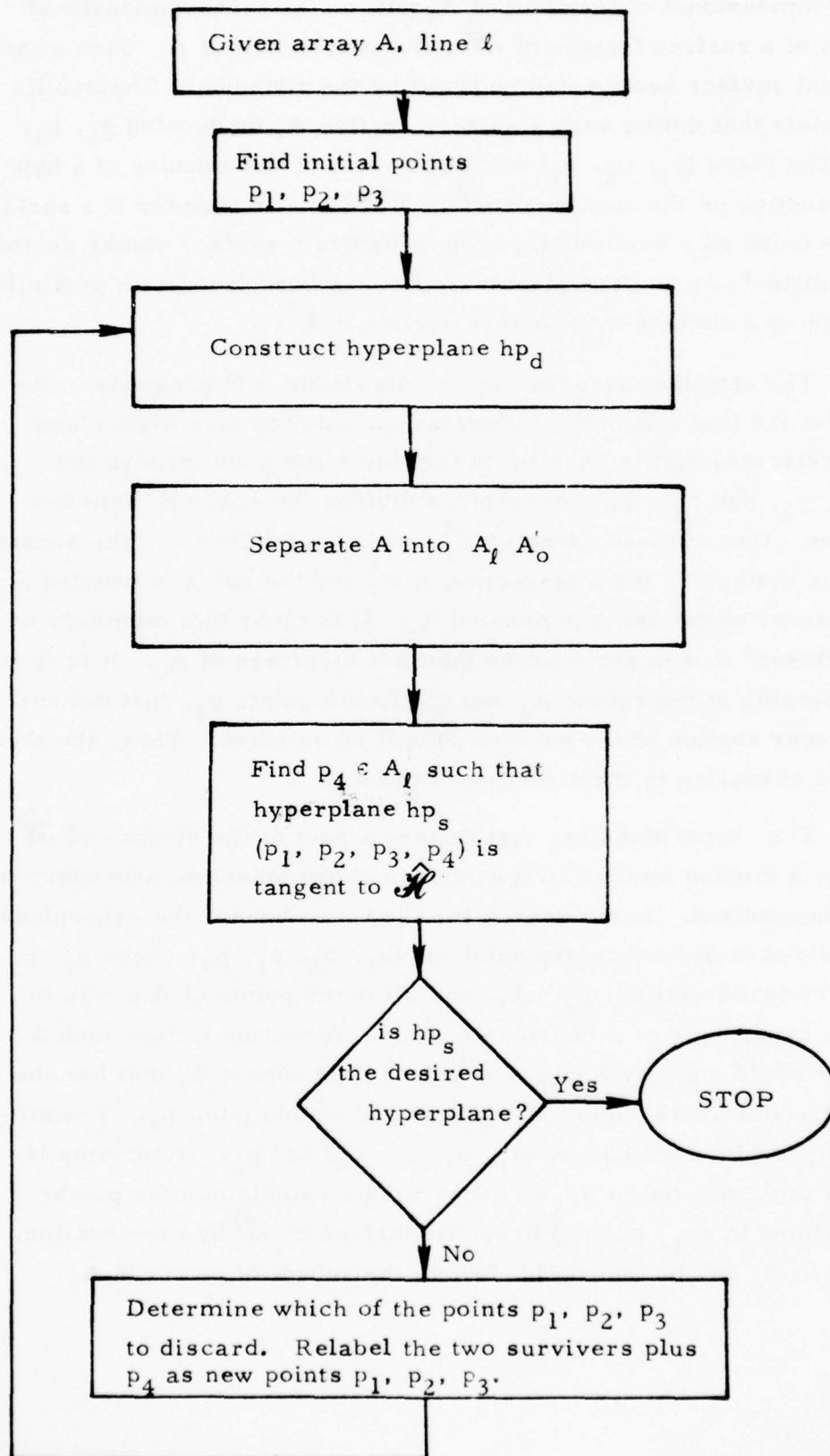


FIGURE 3.1



the three-dimensional convex hull of  $A_3$  will be the three-dimensional projection of a surface feature of  $\hat{\mathcal{H}}$ , the convex hull of  $A$ . Such a three-dimensional surface section can be found by the methods of Chapter II. Let the points that define such a surface section  $A_3$  be denoted  $p_1$ ,  $p_2$ , and  $p_3$ . The plane  $(p_1, p_2, p_3)$  will define part of the boundary of a hyperplanar section on the surface of  $\hat{\mathcal{H}}$  in  $E^4$  [30]. In Chapter II a surface chord was found as a preliminary step to finding a surface planar section in  $E^3$ . Similarly, a surface planar section has been found as a preliminary step to finding a surface hyperplanar section in  $E^4$ .

The step that assures that the algorithm will progress in the direction of the line  $\ell$  is Step 2: Separation. In Step 2, a hyperplane  $hp_d$  is constructed that is parallel to the line  $\ell$  and goes through the points  $p_1$ ,  $p_2$ , and  $p_3$ . This hyperplane divides the space  $E^4$  into two half spaces. One of these, denoted  $E_\ell^4$ , includes the line  $\ell$ . The subset of  $A$  that is defined by the intersection of  $E_\ell^4$  and the set  $A$  is denoted  $A_\ell$ . The remainder of the set  $A$  is denoted  $A_o$ . It is clear that members of  $A_\ell$  are "closer" to  $\ell$  in some sense than are members of  $A_o$ . It is from the membership of the subset  $A_\ell$  that the fourth point,  $p_4$ , that defines a hyperplanar section of the surface  $\hat{\mathcal{H}}$  will be selected. Thus, the algorithm is assured of moving in the direction of the line  $\ell$ .

The hyperplane  $hp_s$  that defines a part of the surface of  $\hat{\mathcal{H}}$  is found by a method similar to the surface chord selection procedure introduced in Appendix A. In the search for the lower bound, the hyperplane that is desired is defined by the point set  $(p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4)$  where  $p_1$ ,  $p_2$ , and  $p_3$  were found earlier,  $p_4 \in A_\ell$ , and all other points of  $A$  are in or above this hyperplane in  $z$ -coordinate value. A routine to find such a hyperplane could start by finding the point in the subset  $A_\ell$  that has the minimum  $z$ -coordinate value. Tentatively label this point  $p_4$ . Tentatively label the hyperplane defined by  $(p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4)$  as  $hp_s$ . Determine if any points of  $A_\ell$  are below  $hp_s$  in  $z$ -coordinate value (since the planar section defined by  $(p_1, p_2, p_3)$  is on the surface of  $\hat{\mathcal{H}}$  by construction, the points in  $A_o$  can be ignored). Denote the subset of points in  $A_\ell$

that lie below  $hp_s$  by  $B_\ell$ . If  $B_\ell$  is empty,  $hp_s$  is the desired hyperplane. If  $B_\ell$  is not empty, find the point in  $B_\ell$  with the minimum  $z$ -coordinate value. Tentatively label this new point  $p_4$ . This defines a new tentative hyperplane  $hp_s$  to be tested. It is clear that this routine will converge to the desired hyperplane from the arguments presented in Appendix A.

The remaining step in the algorithm is the reset step. In this step three of the four points  $(p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4)$  are selected to form the basis for the search for the next hyperplane. These will be the three points that are "closest" to the line  $\ell$  in a special sense.

Let the point of intersection between the hyperplane  $hp_s$  defined by  $(p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4)$ , and the line  $\ell$  be denoted by  $p_\ell$ . Consider the plane defined by  $(p_2, p_3, p_4)$  and the line defined by  $(p_\ell, p_1)$ . Since both this line and this plane are within the hyperplane  $hp_s$ , they will intersect (a line and a plane do not intersect in general in  $E^4$  [30]). Let  $d_1$  denote the Euclidean distance between the point  $p_\ell$  and the point of intersection between the line and the plane. Similarly, consider the plane  $(p_1, p_3, p_4)$  and the line  $(p_\ell, p_2)$ . Let  $d_2$  be the distance between  $p_\ell$  and the intersection of this new line and plane. A distance  $d_3$  can be similarly defined using the plane  $(p_1, p_2, p_4)$  and the line  $(p_\ell, p_3)$ . The plane selected for the next iteration of the search procedure is the plane associated with the minimum value element in the set  $(d_1, d_2, d_3)$ . It is noted that the combination of the plane  $(p_1, p_2, p_3)$  and the line  $(p_\ell, p_4)$  need never be considered. This is because the method of selection of the point  $p_4$  assures that the closest plane will be one of those with the point  $p_4$  as a part of its definition. Infact, if  $p_4$  was eliminated at this step, it would cause the algorithm to cycle endlessly.

This constitutes the essence of a demonstration that the algorithm will converge in a finite number of iterations. The algorithm considers only surface sections, of which there are a finite number, and is always moving in the direction of the line  $\ell$ . Thus, the algorithm must converge to the proper surface feature in a finite number of iterations.

### 3.4 Examples of Numerical Results

The algorithm outlined in Section 3.3 has been coded for general purpose computers using the FORTRAN IV programming language. A printout of the program is provided in Appendix G. Two sample runs were made using this program. These runs are the four-dimensional extensions of the sample runs presented in Section 2.5 for the three-dimensional algorithm.

The examples are intersymbol interference problems. The auxiliary functions used in obtaining the bounds were the second, fourth, and sixth powers of the amplitude of the interference. The parametric equations for the curve  $\mathcal{C}$  are

$$x = u^2 \tag{3.1}$$

$$y = u^4 \tag{3.2}$$

$$w = u^6 \tag{3.3}$$

$$z = \frac{1}{2} \left[ Q\left(\frac{h_o + u}{\sigma}\right) + Q\left(\frac{h_o - u}{\sigma}\right) \right] \tag{3.4}$$

where  $u$  is the value of the amplitude of the intersymbol interference,  $h_o$  is the amplitude of the desired sign,  $\sigma$  is the standard deviation of the additive white Gaussian noise, and  $Q(\cdot)$  is the usual complementary error function given by

$$Q(y) = \int_y^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-x^2/2} dx. \tag{3.5}$$

As was the case in Chapter II, the limits on the value of  $u$  are given by

$$0 \leq u \leq D < h_o, \tag{3.6}$$

where  $D$  represents the maximum possible amplitude of the intersymbol interference.

As in Chapter II, the first specific example is that of a channel with a Chebychev filter impulse response. The results that are presented in Table 3.1 were obtained by approximating the curve  $\mathcal{C}$ , given parametrically by equations (3.1) - (3.4), by an array  $A$  containing 50 points. These points were equally spaced in terms of the parameter  $u$ .

Under the general heading "Four-Dimensional Bounds," Table 3.1 contains the upper and lower bounds that were computed using the computer program shown in Appendix G. Also shown under this heading is the difference between these bounds. The difference serves as a measure of the tightness of the four-dimensional bounding technique. For purposes of comparison, the results computed with the three-dimensional routine (Appendix F) that were presented in Section 2.5 are reproduced in Table 3.1. As expected, the four-dimensional upper bounds are lower than the three-dimensional upper bounds. Also, the four-dimensional lower bounds are higher than the three-dimensional lower bounds. This is reflected in the difference columns. The four-dimensional bounds are seen to be as much as four orders of magnitude tighter than the three-dimensional bounds, and typically about two orders of magnitude tighter. Thus, there is a significant improvement in the tightness of the bounds that can be expected from the additional dimension. The corresponding drawback is in runtime. The four-dimensional algorithm of Appendix G required roughly two and a half times as much processing time as did the three-dimensional algorithm of Appendix F. The algorithm presented in Appendix G (the four-dimensional algorithm) is not optimized in terms of run time. Nevertheless, one is lead to expect that a sizeable processing time penalty may be required for each additional dimension used in the bounding.

The second example is that of a channel with a modified version of a Chebychev impulse response. In this example, the maximum distortion,  $D$  in expression (3.6), is taken to be three times that of the standard Chebychev channel. The channel impulse response and the other appropriate parameters are scaled accordingly. This example corresponds to the second example discussed in Section 2.5.



# FOUR-DIMENSIONAL BOUNDS

## THREE-DIMENSIONAL BOUNDS

SNR dB	FOUR-DIMENSIONAL BOUNDS		THREE-DIMENSIONAL BOUNDS	
	Upper Bound $B_U$	Lower Bound $B_L$	Upper Bound $B_U$	Lower Bound $B_L$
0	$1.5931 \times 10^{-1}$	$1.5931 \times 10^{-1}$	$1.5931 \times 10^{-1}$	$1.5931 \times 10^{-1}$
4	$5.7725 \times 10^{-2}$	$5.7725 \times 10^{-2}$	$5.7725 \times 10^{-2}$	$5.7725 \times 10^{-2}$
8	$6.7577 \times 10^{-3}$	$6.7577 \times 10^{-3}$	$6.7578 \times 10^{-3}$	$6.7574 \times 10^{-3}$
12	$6.6205 \times 10^{-5}$	$6.6198 \times 10^{-5}$	$6.7294 \times 10^{-5}$	$6.5954 \times 10^{-5}$
16	$5.5281 \times 10^{-9}$	$3.8831 \times 10^{-9}$	$1.5539 \times 10^{-8}$	$2.9472 \times 10^{-9}$
20	$3.8729 \times 10^{-16}$	$1.3277 \times 10^{-18}$	$2.0413 \times 10^{-14}$	$1.7364 \times 10^{-19}$

Diff.

$B_U - B_L$

$1.7026 \times 10^{-8}$

$5.3433 \times 10^{-8}$

$4.7458 \times 10^{-7}$

$1.3405 \times 10^{-6}$

$1.2591 \times 10^{-8}$

$2.0413 \times 10^{-14}$

TABLE 3.1

The numerical results are presented in Table 3.2. The results in this table are presented in the same format as the results presented in Table 3.1. For this example of more extreme amounts of intersymbol interference, the four-dimensional bounds can be seen to be about an order of magnitude tighter than the three-dimensional bounds, over the range of signal-to-noise ratios. Thus, this example indicates that there is still a significant advantage to be gained from the higher dimensional bounds for the case of severe intersymbol interference.

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	Upper Bound $B_U$	Lower Bound $B_L$	Diff. $B_U - B_L$	Upper Bound $B_U$	Lower Bound $B_L$	Diff. $B_U - B_L$
0	$1.6445 \times 10^{-1}$	$1.6445 \times 10^{-1}$	$3.5336 \times 10^{-8}$	$1.6446 \times 10^{-1}$	$1.6445 \times 10^{-1}$	$5.1784 \times 10^{-6}$
4	$6.7405 \times 10^{-2}$	$6.7403 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.7210 \times 10^{-6}$	$6.7410 \times 10^{-2}$	$6.7384 \times 10^{-2}$	$2.5611 \times 10^{-5}$
8	$1.4003 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.4001 \times 10^{-2}$	$2.5350 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.4071 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.3715 \times 10^{-2}$	$3.5605 \times 10^{-4}$
12	$1.2972 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.2113 \times 10^{-3}$	$8.5834 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.6913 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.1126 \times 10^{-3}$	$5.7866 \times 10^{-4}$
16	$1.7687 \times 10^{-4}$	$3.0458 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.4642 \times 10^{-4}$	$8.1192 \times 10^{-4}$	$6.4553 \times 10^{-6}$	$8.0547 \times 10^{-4}$
20	$6.7317 \times 10^{-5}$	$6.2781 \times 10^{-9}$	$6.7310 \times 10^{-5}$	$3.1544 \times 10^{-4}$	$3.0980 \times 10^{-11}$	$3.1544 \times 10^{-4}$

TABLE 3.2

### 3.5 Conclusions

The results presented in Section 3.4 demonstrate the value of higher dimensional bounding routines. This is that considerably tighter bounding results can be obtained for some additional expense in the form of computer run time. In the results shown in Section 3.4, the bounds were typically one or two orders of magnitude tighter while computation time rose by a factor of less than three.

These results also demonstrate the efficiency of the four-dimensional algorithm. This algorithm systematically stepped across the surface of the convex hull until the appropriate surface feature was found. This was accomplished by considering a sequence of hyperplanar surface features in terms of the sets of four points that define them. The algorithm proceeded by identifying and eliminating the point out of the four point set that was "furthest" from the desired direction of travel. The eliminated point was then replaced by an appropriate point that was in the direction of convergence. This new four point set defined another hyperplanar surface feature that was "closer" to the solution of the bounding problem than was the previous section. This procedure was repeated until convergence to the solution of the bounding problem was achieved.

The extension to bounding problems of dimensions greater than four seems clear. For a five-dimensional problem the hyperplanes would be defined by sets of five points. In a manner similar to the four-dimensional algorithm, one of these points that is "furthest" from the desired direction of travel could be identified and eliminated. This point could be replaced with an appropriate point that is "closer" to the solution of the bounding problem. This would define a new hyperplanar surface reaction that is closer to the solution of the problem. Clearly, if this procedure is repeated a sufficient number of times, the algorithm will converge to the desired solution. It is also clear that the concept of stepping across the surface of a convex hull by modifying the set of points one point at a time is a concept that will work independently from the total number of points in the set. That is, the procedure of stepping across the surface by systematically going from one surface feature to an adjacent one is a procedure that will work independent of the dimensionality of the problem.



An important point to investigate is the relationship between problem dimension and algorithm runtime. This is a difficult problem, but some insight can be gained from the form of the four-dimensional algorithm.

In order to determine whether this desired solution has been found, the algorithm must compute the point of intersection of a hyperplane and the line  $\ell$ . In  $E^4$ , this amounts to inverting a  $4 \times 4$  matrix. In an extension to a  $K$ -dimensional problem, it would mean inverting a  $K \times K$  matrix. The naive method of inverting a  $K \times K$  matrix (straightforward use of the method of cofactors) would require more than  $2(K!)$  multiplications. While more sophisticated numerical methods would undoubtedly require fewer multiplications, it appears that run time can be expected to increase very quickly as the dimensionality of the problem increases. Fortunately, the numerical results presented here appear to indicate the extensions to very high dimensionality will rarely be necessary. This is because the bounding results appear to tighten very quickly with increasing problem dimension.

## Appendix A

### Algorithm

An algorithm for finding the chord  $Ch_F$  as required in Step 1 and Step 3 is given below.

- a) Divide the set  $A_F$  into two subsets. Denote these subsets  $A_F^L$  and  $A_F^R$ . Assign to  $A_F^L$  all points of  $A_F$  that are to the left of the line  $\ell_F$ . Assign all remaining points to the set  $A_F^R$ .
- b) In each of the sets  $A_F^L$  and  $A_F^R$ , find the point whose z-coordinate value is the minimum. If the minimum z-coordinate value in either or both subsets is not unique, select the minimum point or points that are **closest** to the line  $\ell_F$ . Designate the resulting point in  $A_F^L$  by  $p_F^L$ , and the point in  $A_F^R$  by  $p_F^R$ .
- c) Consider the line in the plane F defined by the two points  $p_F^L$  and  $p_F^R$ . If there are no points of  $A_F$  below this line, the chord defined by  $p_F^L$  and  $p_F^R$  is the desired chord  $Ch_F$ . In this case, terminate the search. If there are points of  $A_F$  below this line, continue to d).
- d) Consider the points of the set  $A_F$  that are below the line defined by the points  $p_F^L$  and  $p_F^R$ . Denote these points as the set  $B_F$ . Let  $B_F^L$  denote the intersection of the sets  $B_F$  and  $A_F^L$ . Similarly, let  $B_F^R$  denote the intersection of the sets  $B_F$  and  $A_F^R$ . Find the point in the set  $B_F^L$  whose z-coordinate value is the minimum. Let this new point assume the designation  $p_F^L$ . If  $B_F^L$  is empty, the designation  $p_F^L$  remains unaltered. Similarly, find the point in the set  $B_F^R$  whose z-coordinate value is the minimum. Let this point assume the designation  $p_F^R$ . If  $B_F^R$  is empty, the designation  $p_F^R$  remains unaltered. Return to c) with the modified pair of points  $(p_F^L, p_F^R)$ .

# Discussion

This algorithm is demonstrated to terminate with the proper chord in a finite number of steps by the following argument:

Let  $\ell_c$  stand for the line and  $Ch_c$  stand for the chord defined by the pair of points  $(p_F^L, p_F^R)$  that are considered at step c) of the algorithm. Similarly, let  $\ell_d$  stand for the line and  $Ch_d$  stand for the chord defined by the new pair of points found in step d) of the algorithm. If the algorithm did not continue to step d), then all of the points of  $A_F$  are on or above the line  $\ell_c$ . This means that the chord  $Ch_c$  is on the boundary of  $\hat{\mathcal{H}}_F$ , the convex hull of  $A_F$  [22]. But by construction,  $Ch_c$  is intercepted by the line  $\ell_F$ . Therefore,  $Ch_c$  is the chord that is desired. The chord  $Ch_c$  will be labeled  $Ch_F$  by the algorithm at step c) and the algorithm will terminate. If the algorithm continues to step d), then there are points of  $A_F$  that lie below the line  $\ell_c$ . In this case, at least one of the end points of the chord  $Ch_d$  must be below the line  $\ell_c$ . But then the interior of the chord  $Ch_d$  must be strictly below the interior of the chord  $Ch_c$ . In particular, the point at which  $Ch_d$  intercepts the line  $\ell_F$ , denoted  $p_d$ , must be lower in z-coordinate value than the intercept between  $\ell_F$  and  $Ch_c$ , denoted  $p_c$ . These ideas are illustrated in Figure A.1.

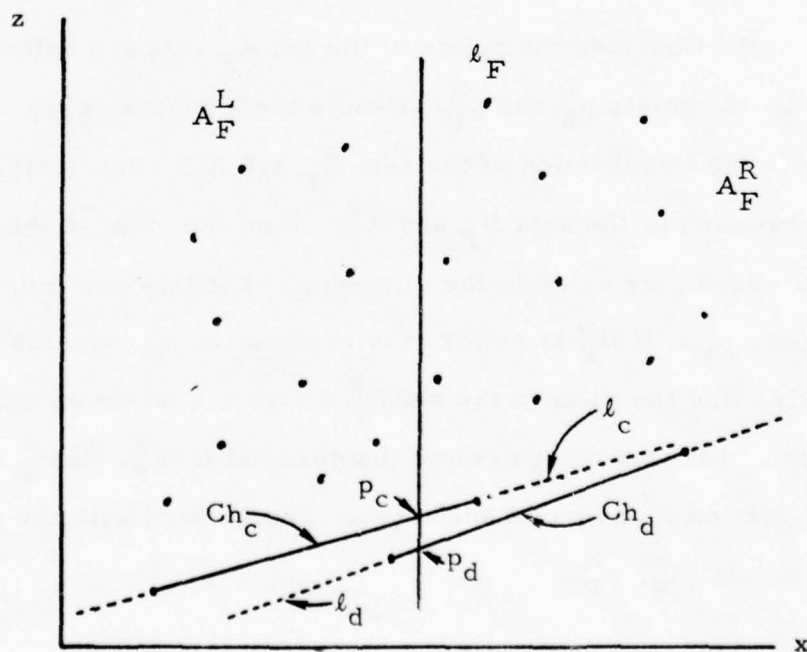


Figure A.1

Thus, with each pass through step d), the point  $p_d$  must be lowered in z-coordinate value. This means that this algorithm cannot cycle back to old pairs of points  $(p_F^L, p_F^R)$ . This is because the z-coordinate value of the intercept point,  $p_d$ , is strictly decreasing. Since the set  $A_F$  has a finite number of elements, the search must terminate in a finite number of operations. It would be expected that the termination would typically occur after a small number of iterations.



## Appendix B

By construction, the three points  $p_i^L$ ,  $p_i^C$ , and  $p_i^R$ , project onto the plane  $F_i$  as three points on the line which has the chord  $Ch_{F_i}$  as a line segment. Therefore, all points in the plane defined by  $(p_i^L, p_i^C, p_i^R)$  will project onto the plane  $F_i$  as points on this line. This implies that the plane  $(p_i^L, p_i^C, p_i^R)$  is normal to the plane  $F_i$ .

If a plane is rotated about an axis normal to itself, the orientation of the plane in  $E^3$  remains unchanged. The only effect is to alter the positions of the points within the plane relative to a fixed coordinate system. In particular, the plane  $(p_i^L, p_i^C, p_i^R)$  can be rotated about a line normal to it until the chord  $Ch_i$  is normal to the plane  $F_i$ . Such a rotation must be possible since the rotation will not effect the normality of the planes with respect to each other. When the chord  $Ch_i$  is normal to the plane  $F_i$ , it will project as a single point on  $F_i$ . This new orientation of the points of the set A will yield the new projection denoted  $F_{i+1}$ , and the chord  $Ch_i$  will be said to have been "collapsed".

### Appendix C

By construction, the chord  $Ch_{i-1}$  is "collapsed" in the projection  $F_i$ . Since all points of the chord  $Ch_{i-1}$  project as a single point on  $F_i$ , and since  $Ch_i$  and  $Ch_{i-1}$  share an end point, the plane defined by these two connected chords projects on the plane  $F_i$  as the line of which the chord  $Ch_{F_i}$  is a line segment. But by construction, all points of the set  $A$  lie in or above this plane. This means that the plane defined by the chords  $Ch_i$  and  $Ch_{i-1}$  is a support plane [22] of  $\hat{\mathcal{H}}$ , the convex hull of the set  $A$ . This plane defines part of the surface of  $\hat{\mathcal{H}}$ . Thus, the two connected chords  $Ch_i$  and  $Ch_{i-1}$  define a triangular planar section on the surface of  $\hat{\mathcal{H}}$ .

The line  $\ell$  will intersect the surface of  $\hat{\mathcal{H}}$  in two points. This is a consequence of the Isomorphism Theorem. One of these points will determine the value of the upper bound, and the other will determine the value of the lower bound. If the line  $\ell$  and the surface triangular planar section defined by  $Ch_i$  and  $Ch_{i-1}$  have a point in common, it must be one of these two bounding points. Because of procedure that was used to select the chords  $Ch_i$  and  $Ch_{i-1}$ , it will be the lower bound.

It can be seen that the plane defined by the chords  $Ch_i$  and  $Ch_{i-1}$  and the plane defined by the points  $(p_i^L, p_i^C, p_i^R)$  both project as the same line on the plane  $F_i$ . Thus, these planes are identical. Since the point  $p_i^C$  is a point of the line  $\ell$  and also a point of the support plane, if it lies within the triangular planar section defined by  $Ch_i$  and  $Ch_{i-1}$ , it must be the bounding point that is desired.

## Appendix D

If  $p_i^C \equiv p_{i-1}^C$ , both chords  $Ch_i$  and  $Ch_{i-1}$ , are parts of the boundry of the same planar face on the surface of  $\mathcal{H}$ . This statement is justified by the arguments given below.

Consider the plane defined by  $(p_{i-1}^L, p_{i-1}^C, p_{i-1}^R)$ . By construction, all points of  $A$  are either in or above this plane. In the projection  $F_i$ , this plane projects as the line  $(p_{F_{i-1}}^L, p_{F_{i-1}}^C)$ . Thus, in the  $F_i$  projection, all points of  $A_{F_i}$  must be on or above the line  $(p_{F_{i-1}}^L, p_{F_{i-1}}^C)$ . In particular, the points of the chord  $Ch_{F_i}$  must be on or above the line  $(p_{F_{i-1}}^L, p_{F_{i-1}}^C)$ . But clearly the point  $p_{F_{i-1}}^C$  is on the line  $(p_{F_{i-1}}^L, p_{F_{i-1}}^C)$ . Thus, the point  $p_{F_i}^C$  must be equal to or above (in z-coordinate value) the point  $p_{F_{i-1}}^C$ .

If either of the points  $p_{F_i}^L$  and  $p_{F_i}^R$  that define the chord  $Ch_{F_i}$  are above the line  $(p_{F_{i-1}}^L, p_{F_{i-1}}^R)$ , the point  $p_{F_i}^C$  must be above the

point  $p_{F_{i-1}}^C$ . Thus, if  $p_{F_{i-1}}^C \neq p_{F_i}^C$ ,  $Ch_{F_i}$  must be on the line

$(p_{F_{i-1}}^L, p_{F_{i-1}}^C)$ . But then the planes  $(p_{i-1}^L, p_{i-1}^C, p_{i-1}^R)$  and

$(p_i^L, p_i^C, p_i^R)$  will both project as the same line on  $F_i$ . Thus, these planes will be identical. Therefore, by arguments similar to those of Appendix C,  $Ch_i$  and  $Ch_{i-1}$  will be chords on the boundry of the same planar face on the surface of  $\mathcal{H}$ .

## Appendix E

The arguments presented below show that the algorithm will converge to the appropriate face of  $\hat{\mathcal{H}}$ .

As was established in Appendix D, the sequence of points  $\left\{ p_i^C \right\}$  is non-decreasing. Thus, the algorithm cannot cycle. Since it can never return to previously considered faces of  $\hat{\mathcal{H}}$ , and since  $\hat{\mathcal{H}}$  has a finite number of faces, the algorithm must converge to the appropriate face in a finite number of steps.



## Appendix F

This Appendix contains a listing of a FORTRAN IV computer program that solves the three-dimensional moment bounding problem. This program is based on the algorithm described in Chapter II.

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00010 DIMENSION AX(100),AY(100),AZ(100)
00020 COMMON N,AX,AY,AZ,PCX,PCY,PCZ,NP1,NP2,NP3,SCALE
00030
00040 THIS PROGRAM COMPUTES UPPER AND LOWER BOUNDS TO THE FIRST
00050 GENERALIZED MOMENT OF A FUNCTION REPRESENTED BY THE ARRAY AZ(K).
00060 THE BOUNDS ARE GENERATED BY A THREE DIMENSIONAL APPLICATION OF
00070 AN ISOMORPHISM THEOREM FROM GAME THEORY. THE APPROXIMATING
00080 FUNCTIONS ARE REPRESENTED BY THE ARRAYS AX(K) AND AY(K). THE
00090 ROUNDING POINT IS GIVEN BY (AM1,AM2).
00100
00110 N= 50
00120 H=1.
00130 DH=-1.
00140 SIG=0.
00150 AM1=.07379**2
00160 AM2=.09547**4
00170 D=.28334
00180 WRITE(6,13) N,SIG,AM1,AM2,D
00190 13 FORMAT(1H1,3H1,14,5X,5HSIG =,F10.5,5X,5HAM1 =,1PF10.3,
00200 1 5X,5HAM2 =,1PF10.3,5X,3HD =,0PF8.5,////)
00210 DU=D/FLOAT(N-1)
00220 DO 200 NDB=1,21
00230 SIG=10.**(-DB/20.)
00240 AZMAX=-1.E12
00250 AZMIN=1.E12
00260 U=-DU
00270 DO 1 K=1,N
00280 U=U+DU
00290 AX(K)=U**2
00300 AY(K)=U**4
00310 A1=(H+U)/(SQRT(2.)*SIG)
00320 A2=(H-U)/(SQRT(2.)*SIG)
00330 E1=CHERPERF(A1)
00340 E2=CHERPERF(A2)
00350 IF(A1.LE.-4.) E1=1.-E1
00360 IF(A2.LE.-4.) E2=1.-E2
00370 AZ(K)=(E1+E2)/4.
00380 AZMAX=AMAX1(AZMAX,AZ(K))
00390 AZMIN=AMIN1(AZMIN,AZ(K))
00400 1 CONTINUE
00410 SCALE=1./ (AZMAX-AZMIN)
00420 DO 100 K=1,N
00430 AX(K)=AX(K)*SCALE
00440 AY(K)=AY(K)*SCALE

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00360 AZIK)=(AZIK)-AZMINI*SCALE
00370 100 CONTINUE
00380 C
00390 C      DEFINE LINE L BY ITS END POINTS - INDEXED NP1 AND NP2.
00400 C
00410 C      NP1=NP1
00420 C      AX(NP1)=AM1*SCALE
00430 C      AY(NP1)=AM2*SCALE
00440 C      AZ(NP1)=Z.
00450 C      NP2=NP2.
00460 C      AX(NP2)=AM1*SCALE
00470 C      AY(NP2)=AM2*SCALE
00480 C      AZ(NP2)=-L.
00490 C      NP3=NP3.
00500 C      AX(NP3)=AM1*SCALE
00510 C      AY(NP3)=AM2*SCALE+L.
00520 C      AZ(NP3)=AZ(NP2)
00530 C
00540 C      INITIALIZE ROUTINE FOR LOWER BOUND
00550 C
00560 C      ICNT=0
00570 C      ICONTL=0
00580 C      PCX=AX(NP2)
00590 C      PCY=AY(NP2)
00600 C      PCZ=AZ(NP2)
00610 C      S=L.
00620 C
00630 C      10 CONTINUE
00640 C
00650 C      FIND BOUNDING CHORD FOR THIS INITIAL PROJECTION
00660 C
00670 C      CALL CHORD(S,I,J)
00680 C
00690 C      5 CONTINUE
00700 C      NLPI=I
00710 C      NRPI=J
00720 C
00730 C      COLLAPSE CHORD
00740 C
00750 C      CALL XYROT(I,J)
00760 C      ICNT=ICNT+1
00770 C      JF(ICNT,EQ.51) STOP
00780 C      PCX1=PCX
00790 C      PCY1=PCY
00800 C      PCZ1=PCZ

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C      FIND NEW CHORD
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C      CALL CHORD(S,I,J)
C
C      CHECK FOR BOUNDARY
C
      IF(I.NE.NLPI.AND.I.NE.NRPI.AND.J.NE.NLPI.AND.J.NE.NRPI) GOTO 2
      CALL TRI(I,J,NLPI,NRPI,AL1,AL2)
      IF(AMIN1(AL1,AL2,(1.-AL1-AL2)).LT.0.) GOTO 3
      IF(AMAX1(AL1,AL2,(1.-AL1-AL2)).LE.1.) GOTO 4
3      CONTINUE
      CALL AUX(I,J,NLPI,NRPI)
      GO TO 5
2      CONTINUE
      PD2=PCX**2+PCY**2+PCZ**2
      DPD2=(PCX1-PCX)**2+(PCY1-PCY)**2*(PCZ1-PCZ)**2
      IF(DPD2-1.E-12*PD2) 6,6,5
6      CONTINUE
      CALL QUAD(I,J,NLPI,NRPI,AL1,AL2)
      IF(AMIN1(AL1,AL2,(1.-AL1-AL2)).LT.0.) GOTO 7
      IF(AMAX1(AL1,AL2,(1.-AL1-AL2)).LE.1.) GOTO 4
7      CONTINUE
      CALL AUX(I,J,NLPI,NRPI)
      GO TO 5
4      CONTINUE

C      BOUNDARY FOUND
C
C      CALL BND(AZMAX,AZMIN,B)
      IF(S) 8,9,9
9      CONTINUE

C      REINITIALIZE FOR UPPER BOUND
C
      ICNTL=ICNT
      ICNT=0
      S=-1.
      RL=B
      GO TO 10
8      CONTINUE
      OR=B-RL
      NDBO=NDB-1
      WRITE(6,11) NDBO,B,RL,DB,ICNT,ICNTL
11      FORMAT(1H0,11O,1P3E16.4,211O)

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200 CONTINUE
STOP
END
SUBROUTINE CHORD(S,I,J)
  DIMENSION AX(100),AY(100),AZ(100)
  DIMENSION LL(100),LR(100)
  COMMON N,AX,AY,AZ,PCX,PCY,PCZ,NP1,NP2,NP3
  C
  C
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  C
  THIS SUBROUTINE FINDS THE BOUNDING CHORD CH. FOR S POSITIVE,
  IT FIND THE LOWER BOUND, WHILE FOR S NEG. IT FIND THE UPPER BOUND.
  C
  IF(AX(NP1).EQ.AX(NP2)) GOTO 1
  CALL XZROT(NP1,NP2)
  1 CONTINUE
  LCL=0
  LCR=0
  IF(S) 21,22,22
  22 CONTINUE
  PL=AZ(NP1)
  PR=AZ(NP1)
  I=NP1
  J=NP1
  GOTO 10
  21 CONTINUE
  PL=AZ(NP2)
  PR=AZ(NP2)
  I=NP2
  J=NP2
  10 CONTINUE
  DO 2 K=1,N
  C
  C
  C
  SPLIT INTO LEFT AND RIGHT OF LINE L - FIRST PASS
  IF(AX(K)-PCX) 3,4,4
  3 CONTINUE
  LCL=LCL+1
  LL(LLCL)=K
  BELOW (ABOVE) LINE L
  C
  C
  C
  IF(S*(AZ(K)-PL)) 5,7,6
  5 CONTINUE
  I=K
  PL=AZ(K)
  
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01520      GOTO 6
01530      7 CONTINUE
01540      IF(AX(K)-AX(I)) 6,6,5
01550      4 CONTINUE
          LCR=LCR+1
          LR(LCR)=K
          IF(S*(AZ(K)-PR)) 8,9,6
          8 CONTINUE
          J=K
          PR=AZ(K)
          GOTO 6
          9 CONTINUE
          IF(AX(K)-AX(J)) 8,6,6
          6 CONTINUE
          2 CONTINUE
          IF(LCL.NE.O.AND.LCR.NE.O) GOTO 11
          WRITE(6,20)
          20 FORMAT(1H0,30HLINE L DOES NOT INTERSECT HULL)
          STOP
          11 CONTINUE
          C
          C
          C
          C
          FIND POINT PC
          DCZ=PL-PR
          DLY=AY(NP1)-AY(NP2)
          DLX=AX(NP1)-AX(NP2)
          DLZ=AZ(NP1)-AZ(NP2)
          DCX=AX(I)-AX(J)
          F1=DLX*DCZ
          F2=DLZ*DCX
          PCZ=(F1+F2)/(F2-F1)
          PCZ=PCZ-AX(NP1)*AX(NP2)-AX(NP1)*AY(NP2)-AX(J)*DLZ)*
          1 DCZ)/(F2-F1)
          PCX=(PCZ-AZ(NP2))*DLX/DLZ+AX(NP2)
          PCY=(PCZ-AZ(NP2))*DLY/DLZ +AY(NP2)
          C
          C
          C
          LEVEL CHORD CH
          CALL XZROT(I,J)
          C
          C
          C
          INITIALIZE AND BEGIN CHORD CHECK SEQUENCE
          PT=PCZ
          KL=I
          KR=J
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PTL=PT
PTR=PT
00 14 M=1,LCL
K=LL(M)
IF(S*(AZ(K)-PTL)) 18,13,13
18 CONTINUE
PTL=AZ(K)
KL=K
13 CONTINUE
14 CONTINUE
16 CONTINUE
00 15 M=1,LCR
K=LR(M)
IF(S*(AZ(K)-PTR)) 19,12,12
19 CONTINUE
PTR=AZ(K)
KR=K
12 CONTINUE
15 CONTINUE
IF(KL.EQ.1.AND.KR.EQ.J) GOTO 17
I=KL
J=KR
PL=PTL
PR=PTR
GOTO 11
17 CONTINUE
RETURN
END
SUBROUTINE TRI(I,J,NLPI,NRPI,AL1,AL2)
DIMENSION AX(100),AY(100),AZ(100)
COMMON N,AX,AY,AZ,PCX,PCY,PCZ,NP1,NP2,NP3

THIS SUBROUTINE DETERMINES THE POSITION OF THE POINT OF
INTERSECTION BETWEEN LINE L AND THE PLANE FORMED BY THE THREE
INDEPENDENT POINTS IN THE ARGUMENT LIST.

NL=NLPI
N2=NRPI
C FIND INDEPENDENT POINT
C
IF(NLPI.EQ.1.OR.NRPI.EQ.1) GOTO 1
N3=I
GOTO 2

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1 CONTINUE
N3=J
2 CONTINUE
C
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C
SET UP POINTS
X1=AX(N1)
Y1=AY(N1)
Z1=AZ(N1)
X2=AX(N2)
Y2=AY(N2)
Z2=AZ(N2)
X3=AX(N3)
Y3=AY(N3)
Z3=AZ(N3)
C
C
C
COMPUTE COEFFICIENTS
AL1=((X1-X3)*PCY-(Y1-Y3)*PCX)+(X3*(Y1-Y3)-(X1-X3)*Y3)/
((X1-X3)*(Y2-Y3)-(X2-X3)*(Y1-Y3))
AL2=(PCX-AL1*(X2-X3)-X3)/(X1-X3)
RETURN
END
SUBROUTINE AUX(I,J,NLPI,NRPI)
DIMENSION AX(100),AY(100),AZ(100)
COMMON N,AX,AY,AZ,PCX,PCY,PCZ,NP1,NP2,NP3
C
C
C
THIS SUBROUTINE DETERMINES THE NEXT CHORD TO BE COLLAPSED
IN THE SEARCH FOR THE ROUNDING SECTION. IT IS USED IN CONJUNCTION
WITH EITHER TRI OR QUAD.
C
C
C
DIMENSION NI(4)
DIR=(AX(NLPI)-PCX)/ABS(AX(NLPI)-PCX)
NI(3)=NLPI
NI(4)=NRPI
IF(DIR*(AX(1)-PCX)) 4,5,7
7 CONTINUE
IF(DIR) 5,4,6
4 CONTINUE
NI(1)=I
NI(2)=J
GOTO 6
5 CONTINUE
NI(1)=J

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02800      NF(2)=I
02810      C
02820      DM=10000.
02830      C
02840      C
C        FIND THE CHORD FROM AMONG THE FIVE POSSIBLE THAT IS AT MIN
C        DISTANCE FROM THE POINT PC.
C
      DO 1 K=1,3
      N1=N(I1)
      N2=N1(K+1)
      X2=AX(N2)
      Y2=AY(N2)
      DX1=AX(N1)-X2
      DY1=AY(N1)-Y2
      IF(DX1.EQ.0..AND.DY1.EQ.0.) GOTO 2
      AL=(IPC-X2)*DX1+(PCY-Y2)*DY1/(DX1**2+DY1**2)
      D=(AL*DX1+X2-PCX)**2+(AL*DY1+Y2-PCY)**2
      IF(D.GT.DM) GOTO 2
      KM=K
      DM=D
    2 CONTINUE
    3 CONTINUE
      J=N1
      J=N1(KM+1)
      IF(TAX(J).GT.AX(I)) GOTO 3
      I=N1(KM+1)
      J=N1
    3 CONTINUE
      RETURN
      END
SUBROUTINE QUAD(I,J,NP1,NRP1,AL1,AL2)
DIMENSION AX(100),AY(100),AZ(100)
COMMON N,AX,AY,AZ,PCX,PCY,PCZ,NP1,NP2,NP3
C
C       THIS SUBROUTINE COMPUTES THE INTERSECTION POINT BETWEEN
C       LINE L AND THE PLANE OF THE QUADRILATERAL DEFINED BY THE FOUR
C       POINTS IN THE ARGUMENT LIST.
C
      CALL TRI(I,J,NRP1,J,AL1,AL2)
      IF(AMIN(AL1,AL2,(1.-AL1-AL2)).LT.0.) GOTO 1
      IF(MAX(AL1,AL2,(1.-AL1-AL2)).LE.1.) RETURN
    1 CONTINUE
      CALL TRI(I,NRP1,N(P1,NRP1,AL1,AL2)
      RETURN

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END
SUBROUTINE BND(AZMAX,AZMIN,B)
  DIMENSION AX(100),AY(100),AZ(100)
  COMMON N,AX,AY,AZ,PCX,PCY,PCZ,NP1,NP2,NP3,SCALE
  THIS SUBROUTINE EVALUATES THE BOUNDS.
  F=(PCZ-AZ(NP2))/(AZ(NP1)-AZ(NP2))
  B=(1.*F-1.)/SCALE+AZMIN
  RETURN
END
SUBROUTINE XZROT(I,J)
  DIMENSION AX(100),AY(100),AZ(100)
  COMMON N,AX,AY,AZ,PCX,PCY,PCZ,NP1,NP2,NP3
  THIS SUBROUTINE ROTATES THE SET OF POINTS DEFINED BY THE
  ARRAYS A IN THE X-Z PLANE THE ROTATION IS ABOUT POINT PC. THIS
  SUBROUTINE IS THE BASIS OF SUBROUTINE CHORD
  D1=AX(I)-AX(J)
  D2=AZ(I)-AZ(J)
  CHECK FOR TYPE OF ROTATION
  IF(I.NE.NP2.AND.J.NE.NP2) GOT02
  D3=D2
  D2=D1
  D1=-D3
  2 CONTINUE
  ANGLE PARAMETERS
  R=SQRT(D1**2+D2**2)
  CTH=ABS(D1)/R
  STH=D2/R
  ROTATE
  DO 1 K=1,NP3
    C1=STH*(AX(K)-PCX)
    C2=STH*(AZ(K)-PCZ)
    AX(K)=CTH*(AX(K)-PCX)+C2+PCX
    AZ(K)=CTH*(AZ(K)-PCZ)-C1+PCZ
  1 CONTINUE

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### Appendix G

This Appendix contains a listing of a FORTRAN IV computer program that solves the four-dimensional moment bounding problem. This program is based on the algorithm described in Chapter III.



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00010 DIMENSION AX(102),AY(102),AZ(102),AM(102)
00020 COMMON N,AX,AY,AZ,AM,PCX,PCY,PCZ,PCW,NP1,NP2,SCALE
00030 C
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00120 C

      THIS PROGRAM COMPUTES UPPER AND LOWER BOUNDS TO THE FIRST
      GENERALIZED MOMENT OF A FUNCTION REPRESENTED BY THE ARRAY A7(K).
      THE BOUNDS ARE GENERATED BY A FOUR DIMENSIONAL APPLICATION OF
      AN ISOMORPHISM THEOREM FROM GAME THEORY. THE APPROXIMATING
      FUNCTIONS ARE REPRESENTED BY THE ARRAYS AX(K), AY(K), AND AZ(K).
      THE BOUNDING POINT IS GIVEN BY (AM1,AM2,AM3).

      N= 50
      H=1.
      DB=-J.
      AM1=.544460858833E-2
      AM2=.830628330745E-4
      AM3=.197265303053E-5
      D=.28334
      AM1=AM1*9.
      AM2=AM2*81.
      AM3=AM3*729.
      D=D*3.
      WRITE(6,13) N, AM1,AM2,AM3,D
13 FORMAT(1H1,3HN =,I4,5X, 5HAM1 =,1PF10.3,
1 5X,5HAM2 =,1PE10.3,5X,5HAM3 =,1PE10.3,5X,
1 3HD =,0PF8.5,////)
      DU=D/FLOAT(N-1)
      DO 200 NDB=1,21
      DB=-1.-+FLOAT(NDB)
      SIG=10.**((-DB/20.))
      AZMAX=-1.-E12
      AZMIN=1.-E12
      U=-DU
      DO 1 K=1,N
      U=U+DU
      AX(K)=U**2
      AY(K)=U**4
      AM(K)=U**6
      A1=(H+U)/(SQRT(12.)*SIG)
      A2=(H-U)/(SQRT(12.)*SIG)
      E1=CHEREF(A1)
      E2=CHEREF(A2)
      E1A1=1E-4.) E1=1.-E1
      E1A2=1E-4.) E2=1.-E2

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00650      CALL XYROT(I,J)
00700
00710      FIND NEW DEPTH Y CHORD
00720
00730      CALL CHORD(S,IY,J,ICOL)
00610      5 CCNTINUE
00660      ICNT=ICNT+1
C
C      FIND SURFACE
C
C      CALL FACE(I,J,IY,IW,S)
C      IF(ICNT.EQ.51) STOP
14 CONTINUE
C
C      CHECK FOR BOUNDARY
C
C      CALL TETRA(I,J,IW,IY,IFLAG)
C      IF(IFLAG) 5,5,51
51 CONTINUE
C
C      BOUNDARY FOUND
C
C      CALL BNDIAZMAX,AZMIN,B)
C      IF(S) 8,9,9
9 CONTINUE
C
C      REINITIALIZE FOR UPPER BOUND
C
C      ICNTL=ICNT
C      ICNT=0
C      S=-1.
C      RL=R
C      GO TO 10
8 CONTINUE
C      DB=B-BL
C      NDBO=NDB-1
C      WRITE(6,11) NDBO,B,BL,DB,ICNT,ICNTL
11 FORMAT(1H0,110,1P3E16.4,2110)
200 CONTINUE
STOP
END
SUBROUTINE CHORD(S,I,J,ICOL)
DIMENSION AX(102),AY(102),AZ(102),AW(102)
DIMENSION LL(100),LR(100)

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C
COMMON N,AX,AY,AZ,AM,PCX,PCY,PCZ,PCW,NP1,NP2,SCALE
COMMON X(102),Z(102)
      THIS SUBROUTINE FINDS THE ROUNDING CHORD CH. FOR S POSITIVE,
      IT FIND THE LOWER BOUND, WHILE FOR S NEG. IT FIND THE UPPER BOUND.
C
C
      LCL=0
      LCR=0
      IF(S) 21,22,22
22 CONTINUE
      PL=100.
      PR=100.
      I=NP1
      IF(I*COL.NE.0) GOTO 10
      J=NP1
      GOTO 10
21 CONTINUE
      PL=-1000.
      PR=-1000.
      I=NP2
      IF(I*COL.NE.0) GOTO 10
      J=NP2
10 CONTINUE
      XINT=X(NP2)
      IF(I*COL.EQ.0) GOTO 50
      PR=Z(J)
      XINT=X(J)
50 CONTINUE
      DO 2 K=1,N
      SPLIT INTO LEFT AND RIGHT OF LINE L. - FIRST PASS
C
C
C
      IF(K.EQ.1) GOTO 2
      IF(X(K)-XINT) 3,4,4
3 CONTINUE
      LCL=LCL+1
      LL(LCL)=K
      RELOW (ABOVE) LINE L
C
C
C
      IF(S*(Z(K)-PL)) 5,7,6
5 CONTINUE
      I=K
      PL=Z(K)

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01520      GOTO 6
01530      7 CONTINUE
01540      IF( X(K)- X(I)) 6,6,5
01550      4 CONTINUE
          LCR=LCR+1
          IF(ICOL.NE.0) GOTO6
          LR(LCR)=K
          IF(S*( Z(K)-PR)) 8,9,6
          8 CONTINUE
          J=K
          PR= Z(K)
          GOTO 6
          9 CONTINUE
          IF( X(K)- X(J)) 8,6,6
          6 CONTINUE
          2 CONTINUE
          IF( LCL.NE.0.AND.LCR.NE.0) GOTO11
          WRITE(6,20)
          20 FORMAT('HO,3OHLINE L DOES NOT INTERSECT HULL')
          STOP
          11 CONTINUE
          FIND POINT PC
          LEVEL CHORD CH
          CALL XZROT(I,J,3)
          INITIALIZE AND BEGIN CHORD CHECK SEQUENCE
          PT=PCZ
          KL=I
          KR=J
          PTL=PT
          PTR=PT
          DO 14 M=1,LCL
             K=LL(M)
             IF(S*( Z(K)-PTL)) 18,13,13
             18 CONTINUE
             PTL= Z(K)
             KL=K
             13 CONTINUE
             14 CONTINUE

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16 CONTINUE
  IF(1COL.GT.0) GOTO 53
  DO 15 M=1,LCR
    K=LK(M)
    IF(S*(Z(K)-PTR)) 19,12,12
19 CONTINUE
  PTR=Z(K)
  KR=K
12 CONTINUE
15 CONTINUE
53 CONTINUE
  IF(KL.EQ.1.AND.KR.EQ.J) GOTO 17
  I=KL
  J=KR
  PL=PTL
  PR=PTR
  GOTO 11
17 CONTINUE
  RETURN
END
SUBROUTINE BNDIAZMAX,AZMIN,B1
  DIMENSION AX(102),AY(102),AZ(102),AW(102)
  COMMON N,AX,AY,AZ,AW,PCX,PCY,PCZ,PCW,NP1,NP2,SCALE
  C
  C
  C
  THIS SUBROUTINE EVALUATES THE BOUNDS.
  F=(PCZ-AZ(NP2))/(AZ(NP1)-AZ(NP2))
  B=(1.+F-1.)/SCALE+AZMIN
  RETURN
END
SUBROUTINE XZROT(I,J,INC)
  DIMENSION AX(102),AY(102),AZ(102),AW(102)
  COMMON N,AX,AY,AZ,AW,PCX,PCY,PCZ,PCW,NP1,NP2,SCALE
  COMMON X(102),Z(102)
  C
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  C
  THIS SUBROUTINE ROTATES THE SET OF POINTS DEFINED BY THE
  ARRAYS A IN THE X-Z PLANE THE ROTATION IS ABOUT POINT PC. THIS
  SUBROUTINE IS THE BASIS OF SUBROUTINE CHORD
  D1=X(I)-X(1)
  D2=Z(I)-Z(1)
  CALL PC(I,J,1)
  C
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  C
  ANGLE PARAMETERS

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SUBROUTINE TETRA11,J,IW,IV,IFLAG)
  DIMENSION AX(102),AY(102),AZ(102),AW(102)
  DIMENSION TET(3)
  COMMON N,AX,AY,AZ,AW,PCX,PCY,PCZ,PCW,NP1,NP2,SCALE

  THIS SUBROUTINE DETERMINES IF THE FOUR POINT SURFACE
  FEATURE DEFINED BY THE POINTS (I,J,IW,IV) IS THE FEATURE THAT
  DEFINES THE BOUND. SUCCESS IS INDICATED BY IFLAG BEING POSITIVE.

  SET-UP COEFFICIENT COMPUTATION

  AO=AX(INP2)-AX(IW)
  AI=AX(I1)-AX(IW)
  A2=AX(IJ)-AX(IW)
  A3=AX(IY)-AX(IW)
  RO=AY(INP2)-AY(IW)
  R1=AY(I1)-AY(IW)
  R2=AY(IJ)-AY(IW)
  R3=AY(IY)-AY(IW)
  GO=AZ(INP2)-AZ(IW)
  G1=AZ(I1)-AZ(IW)
  G2=AZ(IJ)-AZ(IW)
  G3=AZ(IY)-AZ(IW)
  CO=AW(INP2)-AW(IW)
  C1=AW(I1)-AW(IW)
  C2=AW(IJ)-AW(IW)
  C3=AW(IY)-AW(IW)

  COMPUTE COEFFICIENTS

  AL3=((AI*CO-AO*C1)*(AI*B2-A2*B1)-(AI*RO-AO*B1)*(AI*C2-A2*C1))/
  1 ((AI*C3-A3*C1)*(AI*B2-A2*B1)-(AI*B3-A3*B1)*(AI*C2-A2*C1))
  AL2=((AI*RO-AO*B1)-AL3*(AI*B3-A3*B1))/(AI*B2-A2*B1)
  AL1=(AO-AL2*A2-AL3*A3)/AI
  AL4=1.-AL1-AL2-AL3

  CHECK COEFFICIENTS

  IF (AMIN1(AL1,AL2,AL3,(1.-AL1-AL2-AL3)).LT.0.) GOTO 2
  IF (AMAX1(AL1,AL2,AL3,(1.-AL1-AL2-AL3)).GT.1.) GOTO 2
  PCZ=AL1*DI+AL2*DI2+AL3*DI3+AZ(IW)

  3 CONTINUE
  IFLAG=1

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TET 640

TET 650  
TET 730

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      RETURN
2  CONTINUE
   IFLAG=-1
      C
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      C
      DETERMINE POINT TO BE DROPPED
      TET(1)=AL1
      TET(2)=AL2
      TET(3)=AL3
      TH=-1000000.
      DO 4 INDEX=1,3
      IF(TET(INDEX).GT.0.) GOTO 5
      IF(TET(INDEX).LT.TH) GOTO 5
      ITH=INDEX
      TH=TET(INDEX)
5  CONTINUE
4  CONTINUE
      GOTO (6,7,8),ITH
6  CONTINUE
      I=IW
      RETURN
7  CONTINUE
      J=IW
      RETURN
8  CONTINUE
      IV=IW
      RETURN
      END
      SUBROUTINE PC(I,J,IND)
      DIMENSION AX(102),AY(102),AZ(102),AW(102)
      COMMON N,AX,AY,AZ,AW,PCX,PCY,PCZ,PCW,NP1,NP2,SCALE
      COMMON X(102),Z(102)
      DCZ= Z(I)- Z(J)
      DLX= X(NP1)- X(NP2)
      DLZ= Z(NP1)- Z(NP2)
      DLW=AW(NP1)-AW(NP2)
      DLY=AY(NP1)-AY(NP2)
      IF(DCZ) 5,6,5
5  CONTINUE
      PCZ=Z(I)
      GOTO 7
5  CONTINUE
      DCX= X(I)- X(J)
      FI=DLX*DCZ

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F2=DLZ*DCX
PCZ=( Z(J)*F2+( Z(NP1)* X(NP2)- X(NP1)* Z(NP2)- X(J)*DLZ)*
1 DCZ)/(F2-F1)
/ CONTINUE
PCX=(PCZ- Z(NP2))*DLX/DLZ+ X(NP2)
PCY=(PCZ- Z(NP2))*DLY/DLZ +AY(NP2)
PCW=(PCZ- Z(NP2))*DLW/DLZ+AW(NP2)
RETURN
END
SURROUTINE FACE(I,J,K,L,S)
DIMENSION AX(102),AY(102),AZ(102),AW(102)
COMMON N,AX,AY,AZ,AW,PCX,PCY,PCZ,PCW,NP1,NP2,SCALE
DIMENSION NK(100)
ZIT=1000.*S
KN1=0

INITIALIZE ROUTINE
X1=AX(I)
Y1=AY(I)
Z1=AZ(I)
W1=AW(I)
X2=AX(J)-X1
X3=AX(K)-X1
Y2=AY(J)-Y1
Y3=AY(K)-Y1
W2=AW(J)-W1
W3=AW(K)-W1
Z2=AZ(J)-Z1
Z3=AZ(K)-Z1
CX=Y2*W3-Y3*W2
CY=X3*W2-X2*W3
CW=Y2*Y3-X3*Y2
F1=CY/CX
F2=CW/CX

CLASSIFY POINTS IN THE SET
C0 1000 M1=1,NP1
M=NP2-M1
IF (M.EQ.1.OR.M.EQ.J.OR.M.EQ.K) GOTO 1001
Y0=AY(M)-Y1
W0=AW(M)-W1
O=AX(M)-X1+Y0*F1+W0*F2

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C      IF(MI.GT.1) GOTO 1002
C      SET-UP TEST
C      DTEST=D/ABS(D)
C      DTH=1000.*DTEST
C      GOTO 1001
1002 CONTINUE
C      TEST POINTS
C      IF(D*DTEST) 1001,1001,1009
1009 CONTINUE
C      DESIGNATE POINTS OF INTEREST
C      KN1=KN1+1
C      NK(KN1)=M
C      IF(S*(AZ(M)-ZTT)) 1014,1018,1001
1018 CONTINUE
C      IF(ABS(D).GT.ABS(DTH)) GOTO 1001
1014 CONTINUE
C      DETERMINE LOWEST IN Z-SENSE
C      DTH=D
C      KZ=M
C      ZTT=AZ(M)
1001 CONTINUE
1000 CONTINUE
C      IF(KN1.GT.01) GOTO 1016
1023 CONTINUE
C      WRITE(6,1017)
1017 FORMAT(1H0,15H SURFACE FAILURE)
C      STOP
1016 CONTINUE
C      KNO=KN1+2
C      NCYC=0
C      NPTS=0
1010 CONTINUE
C      ZT=ZTT
C      KN=KN1
C      NCYC=NCYC+1
C      IF(KNO.EQ.NCYC) GOTO 1023

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C
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C
NPTS=NPTS+KN1
SET-UP SURFACE CHECK
X4=AX(KZ)-X1
Y4=AY(KZ)-Y1
Z4=AZ(KZ)-Z1
W4=AW(KZ)-W1
FX=Y4*(Z2*W3-Z3*W2)+Y2*(Z3*W4-Z4*W3)+Y3*(Z4*W2-Z2*W4)
FY=X4*(Z2*W3-Z3*W2)+X2*(Z3*W4-Z4*W3)+X3*(Z4*W2-Z2*W4)
FZ=X4*(Y2*W3-Y3*W2)+X2*(Y3*W4-Y4*W3)+X3*(Y4*W2-Y2*W4)
FW=X4*(Y2*Z3-Y3*Z2)+X2*(Y3*Z4-Y4*Z3)+X3*(Y4*Z2-Y2*Z4)
FO=-X1*FX+Y1*FY-Z1*FZ+W1*FW
FO=-FO/FZ
FX=-FX/FZ
FY=FY/FZ
FW=FW/FZ
KN1=O
ZTT=1000.*S
KZ0=KZ
DO 1011 MI=1,KN
CHECK FOR VALID SURFACE
M=NK(M1)
IF (M.EQ.KZ0) GO TO 1012
Z=FO+FX*AX(M)+FY*AY(M)+FW*AW(M)
IF (S*(AZ(M)-Z)) 1013,1012,1012
1013 CONTINUE
KN1=KN1+1
NK(KN1)=M
IF (S*(AZ(M)-ZTT))1015,1012,1012
1015 CONTINUE
KZ=M
ZTT=AZ(M)
1012 CONTINUE
1011 CONTINUE
IF (KN1.NE.O) GO TO 1010
I=KZ
RETURN
END

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